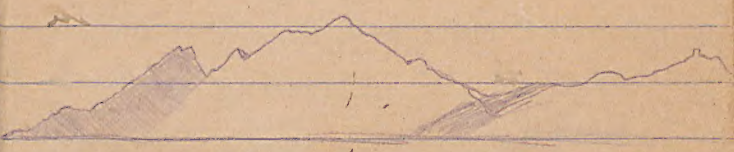
Wednesday. Numerous islands on port side

Pair of Sterna bergii noted flying high

& sooty or parayan terns noted

10 am An Osprey comes off from adjacent is[lan]d &

pays us a visit



Alex & Kunsicker Pneumatic glasses.

Nov 1st 1919. 9 am Mr Luscombe sent round word that the Mission boat cutter Banzai of about 9 tons, would be leaving for Moa is about 11 am. Got our gear on board & make final arrangements re mail, provisions etc to be forwarded on, when required. 11 am Go on board another passenger for Moa Mrs Martin also on board. Mr Luscombe cannot come to day as he has to wait the return of the Herald from Mitchell river Mission station. 11.40 am Weigh anchor & set sail. Strong S E breeze 1 reef in sail. Native crew 4 Moa islanders. Slack tide

Go out through channel rock
passage. No birds noted on
channel rock. Boat very wet
plenty of spray coming on
board. Make a tack across harbour
& head up for Channel rock
passage between Wednesday &
Thursday is. Make good progress
& by midday have passed through
passage & run with beam
wind for Mora. Heavy beam
sea does not tend for comfort
crew put out tow line for
fish. Dr Nicholls & Mrs Martin
soon sick. I follow suit
as I had got down into the
cabin out of the wet. Rough
passage ship a sea occasionally
Quite a decent beam sea running

Hooked a fine Kingfish on
the tow line, about 4 ft 2in
long. Get down below again
as it is too wet on deck
3 terns only noted S bergii
melanauchen & gracilis
Get on deck as we near Moa
Can see a grass fire on the
island. The boat heaves so
also do I. Sea breaking on
reef surrounding lagoon
passage can be plainly seen
Run in fair wind haul
up a bit to windward &
drop anchor 4 fm in the
lagoon. Moa is one of the
very few islands with a
reef encircled lagoon on
S E side. Get ashore & are

kindly welcomed by Mrs &
Miss Luscombe. A room in the
college is placed at our
disposal & we have a welcome
wash & change. Then some
tea at Mrs Luscombes. Get
stores & other gear on shore
& stored away before dark.
Dine with Mrs Luscombe, have
some of the Kingfish it is
very acceptable after the
aching void caused by the
heaving sea. Dr Nicholls cannot
face any dinner. Turn in
fairly early
Reef Heron flying out to outer reef.

November 2nd Sunday. Strong S.E. breeze
Not expected to do any work to day. Spent the
morning going over the skins to see all correct
Went for a walk along beach. two waders noted
to far away to identify. One Reef Heron grey
variety. Several clumps of low scrub
in small gullies near beach no
bird life in them. A single Wood
swallow. A Leucogaster only bird
noted about mission station

Black faced Cuckoo-shrike
Swallow
Dusky honeyeater
Graceful Honeyeater
Sulphur crested cocky
Nutmeg Pigeon.
Ptilotis notata
[illegible]
Barred shouldered Dove.
Sun bird
Wood swallow. Artamus leucogaster.
Cisticola exilis
Square tailed cuckoo heard calling
White ibis flying high over head
White headed heron flying towards shore

Afternoon to east [illegible] spring at foot
of Gladys hill at back of a [illegible]
ground. [illegible] village [illegible]
[illegible] of the island along beach
[illegible] and sandy
Heavily timbered along dry creeks
Papua [illegible] growing along creeks
& [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] swampy country. Good spring at
Gladys hill & good place [illegible]
camp nearby. Open country well
grassed. Climbed to top of Gladys hill
& get a good view of country to
eastward of Mac peak. Big patch of
mangroves along shore to N.E. Mac peak.
Heavily timbered. [illegible] ridge extending right
across island. The country from
Gladys hill to Mac peak heavily
Timbered. To eastward scattered clumps

Monday Dec 3rd. ... [illegible]

[illegible] ...

[illegible] ✓

T. [illegible]. ✓

C. phasianus ✓

M. [illegible] ✓

[illegible]

[illegible] ✓

[illegible] ✓

[illegible]

P. [illegible]

[illegible] sp. [illegible]

Myzomela erythrocephala [illegible] ?

[illegible]

H. [illegible] ?

Ptilonopus lead colly.

P. [illegible] ?

G. humeralis.

Sunday Nov 9th.

Rode [illegible] valley

Blue Flycatcher seen once again.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

its nest. Saw several Birds at back of

Mangrove creek. One Honeyeater quite new

& one could not place it.

Old nest of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

water [illegible] of Birds seen.

P. notata & P. gracilis, M. obscura & [illegible]

[illegible] seen here

Honeyeaters feeding on flowering Melaleuca.

Bar-shouldered Dove

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] then [illegible] a family [illegible]
[illegible] in the Marlin [illegible] the
call in at camp [illegible] for
lunch & afterwards [illegible] going
in [illegible] of [illegible].
Bertha [illegible]
to provide the liquid [illegible]

[illegible] many [illegible] & [illegible] yesterday
[illegible]. fairly [illegible].

Wednesday Nov. 5th. Spent the morning in on the Mangrove creek near Nimmo's station, looking for Honeyeater seen yesterday. But did not see anything of it. Ptilotis notata, gracilis, Myzomela obscura, Glyciphila modesta numerous about the creek & flowering Mangroves [illegible] close by. The [illegible] was not [illegible] seen here to-day. Got back to the camp about noon the picnic party came along about 11.30 am. & had lunch at camp.
After lunch Mr [illegible] Dr & I go down to mangroves & along the edge to the beach. Graucalus hypoleucus seen in

[illegible] along edge of mangroves
[illegible] ... heard calling
in mangroves but could not
see any of them. [illegible]
[illegible] seen in [illegible]
along edge of mangroves.
Barred owl heard. Doves fairly
numerous. [illegible] heard.
[illegible] in camp along
side of a long scrub covered
hills. [illegible] seen only
seen in scrub, very [illegible]
Flush a small Finch from the
long grass in open but could
not get a shot at it.
Found some [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at camp that was found
by De Witt

Afternoon I went [illegible] again to the
mangrove and cane ridge. The
[illegible] Honeyeater again. [illegible]
[illegible] many [illegible]
[illegible]
away [illegible] sucking [illegible].

Thursday 6th. Go in the mangrove
creek to look for Honeyeater.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] bird

Brown Honeyeater

Sunbird

Dusky Honeyeater

Grassfinch " " breeding, young just out of nest.

Larger population [illegible]

Follow-up work [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] ♂

Length 360 mm. Wing 180 mm.

Culmen 36 mm. Tarsus 27 mm.

[illegible]

Stomach ~~[illegible]~~

1 seed & white fruit.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ♂

Length 130 Wing 71 Culmen 10 Tarsus 16.

Iris [illegible] cream, upper mandible dark

brown, basal ½ edge & lower yellow

legs creamy yellow.

Stomach [illegible] & vegetable matter

Ptilinopus [illegible] ♂ 230, 130. 16. 21

Iris orange. bill green grey, legs dark

green tinged blue

Crop fruit ~~stomach~~ & gut stones of fruit.

[illegible] bird and [illegible] seen
peak, [illegible] & [illegible].
Saw at the Arsenal [illegible]
7 old men & [illegible]
Caught glimpse of Pheasant in grass
Colony of Swallows building.
Small flock of [illegible] [illegible]
seen in grass along creek.
Several Pigeons, [illegible] &
Phalaropus noted.
[illegible] [illegible] seen in [illegible]
[illegible] & Running [illegible] in
creek.
Shot Phalaropus evening
Heavy wind all day

Mar 7th. Damp and drizzly [illegible]

[illegible] last night [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Morning [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

P[illegible] seen in [illegible].

[illegible].

Found both [illegible] & one apparently

seen of [illegible] unexpected

by one half grown [illegible]

shrubs in much

Saturday? [illegible] 17 [illegible]

[illegible]

Afternoon [illegible] country [illegible]

[illegible]

Back of light? [illegible] light? [illegible] flying? [illegible]

May 1st [illegible]

Nov 5th. [illegible] up the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for Belfast.
[illegible] [illegible]
Then the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at edge of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Through [illegible] about a
mile. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
Paper birds & long edge of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] wind.
[illegible]
[illegible] front.
[illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] back to
[illegible]

Afternoon [illegible]
along [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] mile from camp [illegible]
[illegible] 50 ft. from
ground [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] back to camp. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] nothing [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
through the (on beach) [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
a look around through open
[illegible] man where I saw forehead
[illegible] almost another that

[illegible] pretty good. Left in the
Paper Birch; a short [illegible]
from ground.
[illegible]
along the bottom.
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] very long
variety.
Found [illegible] still
in vicinity of the where
I got it [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
heard calling.
Saw Downy Woodpecker flying
past with something in its
bill but could not see
where it went to. waited
for some time but I did not

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Two Beetles caught in tent at light.

Red caterpillar, with [illegible].

[illegible] 5 12 25 [illegible]

[illegible] head black

legs dark [illegible]

Stomach.

Nov 9th. Monday. Couple of light showers through the night. Light is pretty dark still [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] years.

Nov 10th. Heavy rain showers.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] big old logs. [illegible]
squalls. [illegible]
Found along part of ridge [illegible]
[illegible] ridge.
[illegible] still more numerous. [illegible]
[illegible] found.
[illegible] noted.
[illegible]
[illegible] numerous.
[illegible]
Light patches of [illegible]
Melaleuca
[illegible]
Shrike thrush in one of the remnants of
scrub in small creek
On another small grassy creek
I saw a flock of Chestnut breasted
finches. Fired at a double & lost
both. Fired at another

could & brought both down
went to pick them up, one
fluttered off through long grass
& I lost it, wounded the other
shot & [illegible] three times
in another bit of about a
[illegible] to camp. Leaving
camp a [illegible] flew up
from [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] shot it,
Rest camp have [illegible] & [illegible]
birds
[illegible] Parasite on [illegible]

[illegible] 150. 91. 18. 20 ♂
Iris dark brown. Bill [dull] lead blue, [illegible]
[illegible] Legs dull lead blue.
[illegible]

[illegible] 151. 95. 22. 24 ♀
[illegible]
[illegible]
brown. [illegible]

[illegible] 116. 72. 20. 18 ♂
[illegible] Bill dull lead blue
Legs dull lead blue.
[illegible]

Coucal 530. 201. 37. 55
Iris dark brownish red. Bill black.
Legs dull lead blue.

[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] made [illegible]
The natives visited yesterday but
did not see them [illegible]
& [illegible] only [illegible]
Returned to mangrove creek &
[illegible]
[illegible] back [illegible]
[illegible] by the [illegible]
that the boat [illegible] found, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] paper bark
growing in small dry creek.
Saw & shot a Blackbird in
Mangrove creek.
Blackbird [illegible]
Iris [illegible] Bill black, legs slate
blue.
Got some Taro off one of the natives

Also a fine bunch of Bananas which have yet to ripen..

Caught a few Beetles & insects at night in Boat.

[illegible]

[illegible] mangroves [illegible]

[illegible] they [illegible] about [illegible]

round. through mangroves for

about 1/2 a mile. No birds seen

at all in mangroves. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] day.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] small [illegible]
[illegible] white [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Blue [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Small blind
book some Taro for dinner "snake caught in tent
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Stomach empty.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

180 . 19 . 15 . 22

[illegible]
[illegible]

181 . 9 . 15 . 22 ♂

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] yellow [illegible]
[illegible]

3 pages 24 & 26.

[illegible] had
decided to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Bought 1 doz eggs at 2/-
[illegible] Then [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] pudding in [illegible]
[illegible]
Heard a Megapode but could
not get a shot at it. [illegible]

with the large pits of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
came [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible]
G. [illegible] numerous [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
numerous. [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
there [illegible] [illegible] head
for camp. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Got back to camp 1.00 p.m.
Caught 2 Buprestid beetles in scrub
Therm 118 [illegible] [illegible]
Irides pale brown [illegible] light [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], legs light brown.

[illegible]

Nettie home, Bill Karen [illegible]

Up Town – looking around about 2 weeks [illegible] Lilys. Several [illegible] of head on the [illegible] next ground. Very [illegible] 2 days are gone.

3 pages. ~~26 to~~ 28
27 to 29

Nov 13th. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Go down along Road to [illegible]

Mangroves. Shot Megapode

from long grass [illegible]

[illegible]

Thomas flushed him in one

place. [illegible]

Little [illegible] shot [illegible]

Sandpipers [illegible] most of that

[illegible] a single specimen of

Red headed Honeyeater [illegible]

He could not get a shot

at it [illegible] in Mangroves

[illegible] through them for

2 th hours. Saw a Sacred

Kingfisher. [illegible]

[illegible] shot [illegible] being [illegible]

down. Brimstone numerous
found most off from road
in mangroves and a dead
out app. couple of hundred
yds inside mangroves but
arrival of Bora back in
march.
Pigeons be fairly plentiful
here.
Pair of Ph. concinna noted
Kalaga heard calling.
Mangrove heard calling in
couple of places but could
not locate it. ... many
of Emuchalk about.
Usual odd note of Pigeons
or Doves noted.
Orioles fairly numerous
heard calling everywhere

Boy [illegible] Saint [illegible]
[illegible]. I was not [illegible]
a Dauphin [illegible]
[illegible].
[illegible] of [illegible]
off [illegible] on [illegible]
Small [illegible]
[illegible] very fine [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] about twenty ft
[illegible].
[illegible] went of [illegible]
about 2 ft [illegible] on
[illegible]
[illegible].
Set [illegible] camp 11.30
[illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible] with
them.

[illegible] 2

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 3

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

small bug in a shell. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

but only one 6 miles which is pretty

uncommon here

[illegible] which many are [illegible] thoroughly
in position [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] company. .
[illegible] are the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

1 page ~~[illegible]~~ 30

[illegible]

[illegible] Takes her year in the [illegible]

[illegible]

Record [illegible] | Credit [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

afternoon to [illegible] locality.
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] that we [illegible]
the [illegible] had found.
The [illegible] was [illegible]
[illegible] 10 feet
[illegible]
found a nest in the place
[illegible]

Bath tonight & it proved most fine but I forgot to put any salt in it.
A fine moth flew into the tent attracted by the light. Secured several beetles & other insects in tent.
Stone plover heard through the night

4 pages ~~30 " 32~~
31 · · 34

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] before

saying that his reason for going was

he thought it [illegible] to him

Asked his reason for so thinking?

wouldn't give me [illegible]

appeared to be [illegible] but

difference [illegible] nothing definite

as to how I had told him [illegible]

so? [illegible] except that I was

very silent about the camp.

Told him he was mistaken & said that

if that was all that was the matter

he could change his mind & stay on

to another mind. [illegible] [illegible]
on same footing again. He told him it
would make no difference. [illegible]
After further discussion I again
asked him if he would change his
mind & stay — refused again.
Told him I thought he was [illegible]
this [illegible] about [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] afraid of [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
Gave him letter I had sent to J.T.
White. He read [illegible]. He objected to
my saying he was [illegible] the good
[illegible]. Told him it was
my candid opinion.
Objected to saying all of [illegible]
said that he only [illegible] so.
thought that J.T. White should do so.
Told him that I was the [illegible]
party as I had recommended a [illegible]
him. Asked him again to stay. No

Return to camp with the
[illegible] of the [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
up and [illegible] the camp.
Slept early. Bright. Then
go [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the prairie. There was still
only [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Went across. Keeping
[illegible] [illegible] along [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] anything
of note. Go down into ravine
at back of [illegible] a
[illegible] through [illegible] along it
Heard a pair of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at edge of ravine.
Follow up a [illegible] a [illegible] at
one [illegible] [illegible] with

a broken wing I went
to collar it & in it gripped
me at the same time
driving its talons into my
hand & squeezing the
thumb. I had a tough five
minutes getting [illegible]
[illegible]
kept hopping from tree to
tree quite clearly out of
range. At last after about
[illegible]
1½ hours' chase I got a
shot but did not bring
it down & it disappeared
from sight into the
Mangroves. About a mile
further on another pair
of Ducks flushed from
a bushy tree in sight

sound. I report on these
after one of them, amongst
the [illegible] a [illegible] though
the sounds [illegible] a [illegible]
it being [illegible] but died
not get the bird. Return
the camp on [illegible] find
about [illegible] up with
a [illegible] through the
boys [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] of the bird.
Very poor specimen, [illegible]
a [illegible] thing.

Hawk 267 269 20 15 40

Irides yellow Bill greenish yellow tips
cutting edge blackish feet yellow [illegible] green

[illegible]

[illegible] 15 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1/2 [illegible]

[illegible] 11. 19. [illegible] Trench No 1.

8. 11. 19 Beetles caught at light in tent

10 11 19 Paramecium in Sling. }

15. 11 19 Small parasite in [illegible] of Skin 20 }

10 11 19. Beetles caught at night in tent

10 11 19 Pill box Trench " ...

11 11. 19 Blind snake caught in tent

12. 11. 19 Butterflies caught in [illegible]

14. 11 19 Pill box Trench caught in tent

14. 11 19 Beetles caught in tent

15 11 19. Beetles " ... " " Taken in [illegible]

14. 11. 15 Moth caught at light in tent

Tried to find nests. Saw pigeons
building in [illegible]
[illegible] Mission station in
afternoon. [illegible]
on the way. A march for the
Mosquitoes again. No duck
scarcely a bird to be seen
for 6 days. Natives have
finished flowering them &
birds have gone. Rain &
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Mosquitoes
[illegible]

Had tea at Mr Bercombe
& return to camp 10 pm.

5p. ~~34~~ ~~[illegible]~~

36 … 40

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] A few [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] single [illegible] away

I remember. While trying to
get back a little from what
it disappeared, reach the
locality for about one hour
but dont find it again.
followed up road for about
ten miles, [illegible] small pools
of water [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] Deadly [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in a little [illegible]
[illegible] attempt
[illegible]
[illegible]
Fell later [illegible] Apache
found building in Bluewood

[illegible] pounds. The weather [illegible]
cleared [illegible]
of Paris.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Third Square finished [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] When alone
went in the lead which [illegible]
in 10 minutes. Shut it back and
not bring it down [illegible]
[illegible] I could not
find it again. Go back to work
again & make it in a few minutes.

The other had come asleep
[illegible] at six [illegible]
The robbers must have come
in a boat in the night up
The [illegible] in the boat
were shot off the guard
all for a [illegible] back
an [illegible] passage
We thought none [illegible]
nearly [illegible]
The men were [illegible] which
[illegible]
had said not to [illegible]
down. We [illegible] the morning
after the others, and came
of [illegible] with them
& go through back again
along [illegible] of [illegible]
after a [illegible] through

that hill of stone [illegible]
down the side. Found
of eight
pieces of [illegible] body of an
[illegible]
[illegible] (copper)
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
went up to [illegible]
Saw 2 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
flying [illegible]
[illegible]
Shot a grosbeak & a
yellow spotted [illegible]
& returned to camp. Tired

[illegible] ... [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] black [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Send [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] 21
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
legs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] 126 70 19 21 ♂ 22
[illegible] gray [illegible] black [illegible] yellow
legs [illegible] gray. [illegible] [illegible]
Stomach [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 192 86 20 25 ♂ 23.
[illegible] [illegible] black [illegible] yellow
legs gray [illegible] [illegible].
Stomach [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

10 pm. Bird [illegible]

[illegible]

~~3 P~~ ~~38..40~~
4 P 41..44

Sunday [illegible] Very windy
Up at [illegible] day light and [illegible]
and [illegible] up [illegible]
Went to [illegible] of
Pair bird found by boys
yesterday. [illegible] had
to [illegible], Entrance [illegible]
[illegible] piper
[illegible] no
[illegible]. Going along trail through
scrub [illegible] Orchard [illegible]
fairly open [illegible] could not
get a shot. Nest of pair
laid 35 ft from ground in
[illegible] smooth [illegible]
tree. Laird attempted from
it to climb tree, and almost
completed.
Go on through scrub. Saw

& caterpillar cutters in grass.
few appear [illegible] the [illegible]
nests leaving such other
& calling loudly.
Cuckoo seen again, & hopping in
[illegible] again. Pretty beautiful
[illegible] the mynahs [illegible] scolding
& fluttering over it. Cuckoo
still appears making diving
movements & [illegible] little crows [illegible]
near. Tried to shoot at it.
Flew off & then appeared [illegible]
[illegible] around.
Have a look at [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible] found some
days ago, appears deserted
[illegible] around [illegible] [illegible]
again. nothing else found.
Hear single [illegible] [illegible] singing.

a morning w/ the birds. Orange
tip [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
certainly [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Saw small kingfisher
but I could not identify it
may have been [illegible]
Saw small Pipers [illegible]
going up the [illegible]
Found nest of [illegible]
Hummingbird 20 ft from ground [illegible] at
edge of light scrub [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Red [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] 80 yd from
ground in horizontal fork

Very hot in [illegible]

of Weber [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 16

[illegible]

[illegible] I got back. Took a [illegible]

[illegible] back [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 150 94 10 20 ♂ [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] found

[illegible] 103 67 9.30 ♀

[illegible]

[illegible]

Must remain.

[illegible] took [illegible]

& went back home after [illegible]

to meet tomorrow [illegible]

[illegible] with me.
Bake bread. Then go [illegible]
[illegible] camp.
Found a [illegible] and [illegible]
mutilated [illegible] found
[illegible]
Hawk in long grass. [illegible]
Killed [illegible] [illegible]
shot in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of old nests
of Hawk found here, pair of
the birds seen. [illegible]
fairly numerous. Found an
old nest of [illegible] in
long grass. [illegible]
this day. Out in about an
hour looking for quail
near [illegible] but did not
see any. Got back to camp
in time to have tea. The

[illegible] Lind

4 Specimens 258, 165, 90, 85.

Cottonwood. Greenfield [illegible] Spotted

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of

overnight. Probably destroyed by

Eng. [illegible]

Small green spider on walls of tent mimics actions of green ant by waving its front legs when I put my finger near it. Bottle it.

~~6 P~~ 7 P ~~[illegible]~~ 44.50 ~~5 P [illegible] 41 [illegible]~~

Wed'y [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] green [illegible]

[illegible]

Jumping [illegible] in places [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thrush [illegible]

[illegible] morning [illegible]

[illegible] through [illegible]

[illegible]

fairly good [illegible]

of [illegible] Penny back [illegible]

ask [illegible]

hunt through scrub, very [illegible]

of [illegible] very [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Saw a chicken scratch amongst fallen leaves & find black beetle vainly trying to get away from a green ant which was fastened onto its leg!

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Meanwhile [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

way. [illegible]

good scrub [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] country

Soon [illegible]
to the [illegible]
[illegible] general [illegible]
beyond a [illegible]
[illegible] generation
country [illegible]
[illegible] in our way. [illegible]
[illegible] still [illegible]
found by [illegible]
[illegible] hundred years
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
small
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
make it
[illegible]
[illegible] way of it
I have no reason for it as I
would not give much prediction

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Yellow and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
Rough looking high [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Red and [illegible] beautiful.
[illegible] [illegible]
No water anywhere very dry.
Passing [illegible] [illegible] number of
[illegible] tough looking men. they even
shot but did not get the bird
through [illegible] over several hills
Another half hour. [illegible] brings us to
top of peak.

Splendid [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] rambles on rocks [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
more covered.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
& P[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of peak
Peak [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] peak & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Place [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Thrush, Pad[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Sea Eagle flying [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] open place [illegible] from [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Peak [illegible] [illegible]
S.W.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
hill on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

from [illegible] the top of
this peak is camp of [illegible]
to south [illegible]
Rocky north [illegible] prominence
ridges & valleys densely wooded,
spruce good [illegible] in valleys & (probably water there)
to [illegible] similar.
Beyond great extent of
[illegible] country.
The [illegible] of [illegible]
weather mystery like the all.
[illegible] again the [illegible]
[illegible]
ground on top of large [illegible], [illegible].
eggs ~~[illegible]~~ heavily incubated [illegible] to his
camp [illegible] where I had
seen water earlier in day & quenched our
thirst. We part company here & I
return to camp. [illegible] again noted.

Read [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]
Tired out [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
been indulged in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Drank [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Night Bright Heavens [illegible] [illegible]

night camp. Sleep in a bit late
Get away from camp 5.30 Day very
hot ~~Ap 4bay~~ Ap 50.53
Thursday 20th. Go out round Lodge
and explore one of valleys seen
yesterday. Have a look at nest of
G. moderate [illegible] of spp. not hatched
yet. Square tailed [illegible] calling
here. [illegible]
[illegible] ft from ground. [illegible] Shrike thrush
[illegible] valleys of [illegible] following
[illegible] Found nest of
[illegible]
ground on [illegible]. [illegible] on hand
[illegible] left along small scrubby
creek. Found [illegible] here
[illegible] shot one
Roller [illegible] on edge of scrub. following
& shot it. [illegible]
everywhere, very [illegible]
thorns. Splendid scrub here along creeks.
Friar birds numerous. Shot 2.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Thrush [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yellow [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

100 yds [illegible]

Shot Greenshank on creek [illegible]

it fell in [illegible]

[illegible] 400 yards

out after it [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

/

Greenlet 336. 181 56 55 ♀

Iris dark brown. [illegible] legs [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] black

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Stomach empty. Bird pretty fat

Vireo 26 8. 140 27 26 ♀

Iris [illegible] brown with red tinge

Bill dark brown, lower bill [illegible]

legs dark slate gray. Stomach [illegible]

[illegible] empty [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]. 277. 188 40 32

Iris dark brown. Bill scarlet tip black

legs [illegible]. Pretty fat

Stomach [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] large fly.

The [illegible] skin [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] went at 8

with a lamp.

5 pm Whimbrel heard calling passing over the south.

11 pm: Koels heard calling as they pass over to the south. 9 pm

Go out to look for something outside hear a patter on the leaves & flash the torch towards the sound. It is a Stone Plover that has come to pay me a visit doubtless attracted by the light from the tent. I go back to get my gun, but as soon as I take the torch off the bird it flies off.

Koels heard calling at midnight flying north.

~~5 D 18052~~
6p 54....59

Friday [illegible] light
breeze, day promises to be hot
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Bullets.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Flushed [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Thrush [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

from ground in [illegible] tree.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
in a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
a Graceful [illegible] lady
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Graceful [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] follow along creek a little
further & then go through

feed mostly which has been
recently found admitted
Paper Mill Business trouble-
some and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Time.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] never [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a place one [illegible]. [illegible]
The Paper selling [illegible]
[illegible] only [illegible] [illegible]
cannot move quickly to the
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]. A Rough [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
through the management.

Left Pennant [illegible] first [illegible]
with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
scrub [illegible] head for home
[illegible] getting late
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] 1 [illegible] about
1/2 mile [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
sight of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] 6.20 pm.

[illegible] 308, 190. 11 15 44 ? grms
Iris yellow Bill [illegible] gray tip
edge black [illegible] yellowish green.
Feet yellow
Stomach [illegible] [illegible] of small
seed, [illegible] remains.

[illegible]
[illegible] shot.

Midnight. [illegible] eyes suddenly [illegible]
[illegible] for a while. Then [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
a while [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Right.
[illegible]
[illegible] calling.

~~2P 13 54~~

2P 60 61

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

7 of them were very good

1 a double exposure

4 time exposures not too good

[illegible] sand at [illegible] ranch
where [illegible] through
[illegible] of [illegible]
Followed [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of camp [illegible]
[illegible] all the way around.
[illegible] fishing
[illegible]
[illegible]
a small [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
14 [illegible]
2 [illegible]
Fresh [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] north of [illegible] camp
Went through [illegible] of [illegible]
went on hills [illegible]

[illegible]

Cuckoo. 155. 97. 16 17. ♂ Iris & orbital wattle scarlet, Bill black, legs greenish black.

[illegible]

Caught small moth & a few Beetles at light in tent. Seen in early morng Fred,

Sunday 23rd

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~~4 pages 55 [illegible]~~

[illegible] 1st [illegible] supplied [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] breakfast

Much [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] on Friday

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Visited [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 17th

the young [illegible] had [illegible]

[illegible] quite [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] completed

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

completed. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] building [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] paper [illegible] 6 in

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] being worked [illegible]
People [illegible] Richmond
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I could not see it.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] get [illegible]
[illegible] leave each [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~
Refer to Dec 2nd other book.
Through [illegible] Square [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] stores,

We had [illegible] want [illegible] a gave me one for a drink. It was very acceptable as I had finished the last of my water some time ago [illegible] I [illegible] again as I want to show the [illegible] where it is. Strike another patch of scrub [illegible] dry creek. I [illegible] [illegible] from England [illegible] [illegible] among them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] Damn bad country. [illegible] [illegible] have the peculiar [illegible] bulge which contains water. Dig a couple of them but the water is not fit for drinking & slightly brackish.

Hawks nest nesting in big Paper bark no sign of occupation. Read novel & have another run through it

then back for dinner. Give some of
the Pigeon to Mrs Luscombe and
pass the Mission sta. & am com-
mandeered in that night to partake
of Pigeon pie. Get back to camp
4.30 pm. & set to work on birds
Skin Cuckoo & [illegible] &
leave others till later.
6 pm go in to Mission sta.
for tea. The pigeon pie was
excellent so also was a
fruit salad. Have a couple
of games of cards after tea
then return to camp &
skin the Pigeon.

[illegible] Sunday.

[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
Think [illegible] foliage permanent
[illegible] from [illegible] in large
leaved [illegible] with large vermillion
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
B. S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] off
[illegible] a paper

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Heard [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] call in
bird call quicker in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 33. 18. 13. ♀
Irides light brown. Bill upper [illegible] and lower
[illegible]. [illegible] brown. Legs very dark brown.

[illegible] 218. 126. 15. 15. ♀
Irides [illegible] brown. [illegible]
[illegible] Bill upper black. lower [illegible]
legs pale olive brown.

[illegible] 400. 225. 16. 65. ♀
Irides [illegible] brown. Upper mandible yellow
[illegible] [illegible] yellow.
Legs [illegible]
[illegible] pale blue.

Pigeon 402. 232. 25. 34. ♀
Irides dark brown. Upper mandible
yellow [illegible] green. [illegible]
[illegible] yellow. Legs pale blue.

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Tuesday [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

at building 18th. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Grey [illegible] from [illegible]

followed the [illegible]

but could not get [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Grey [illegible]

[illegible]

through [illegible]

[illegible]

left a couple [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] within [illegible]
Shore of [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], 165, 1876 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] yellow.
Fruit.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
stamped [illegible] the ground [illegible]
I came [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] through [illegible]
country [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
2 [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] loaded with dust shot [illegible]
could not fire it [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
beyond a small at base of hill [illegible]
away. Examine [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. It had been [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
number of [illegible] [illegible]
It had scratched a shallow hole
in mud in [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Aug 25 [illegible]

[illegible] Hill & Lapp [illegible]

Went to [illegible]

Launched & commenced the [illegible]

[illegible] & [illegible]

the [illegible] about [illegible]

[illegible] I finished it again

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

for about 3 miles [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

about 31 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

but could not finish it again

Get back to camp hopefully [illegible]
of having [illegible] bird. If I had [illegible]
my death bound so [illegible] would
have got at first time.
[illegible]
[illegible] the
imitating call for about [illegible] hours
[illegible] Get back to camp & find
that carpet snake had been trying to
swallow roll of cotton wool.

Wednesday Nov 26

Get off early to search for the Grass bird.
Go to where I had flushed the
bird yesterday but it has not
returned. Search all round this
area of grass country, about
30 acres. Found several
in clumps of long grass almost definitely
comprising places of the bird
old nests
with pellets of bones & a
a few feathers in each.

[illegible] 250 [illegible] 19 [illegible] ♀
Iris [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I was just giving up the search to return to camp for dinner when I flushed one of the birds from grass in an old Pitch-pine hill (?)
Got in a shot & brought it down. It was a fine plumage & a good specimen, the first of the kind I have handled. Return to camp [illegible] & skin bird. Do not think it is the one I found yesterday.

After I had finished, I went again to the grass [illegible] I had searched yesterday & flushed a [illegible] another

pretty although damp [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]

Went out again to night [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Midnight. Flock of Plover
heard calling as they passed
high overhead to the south.
[illegible] 3P [illegible] match of
4P 71.74.
[illegible]
Got mail in the afternoon [illegible]
letter & telegram [illegible]
letter home [illegible]
[illegible] Nicholls. [illegible]
[illegible] morning [illegible]
3 [illegible]
[illegible] meadowlark [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] along for
a couple of miles [illegible]
[illegible] about
Flowering trees on [illegible]
creek. Shot 4 specimens [illegible]
a Yellow [illegible]

of them very good and all fine bloomers
Soft sturdy [illegible] Some [illegible]
& [illegible] that I have not noted
before, the bud is longish [illegible]
[illegible] I have forgotten
what this [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Cups 184 189 38 24
Prim scarlet [illegible]

In the Summer I went out to
explore another small lake, on
the way I passed through a
[illegible] looking patch of grass
a [illegible] the [illegible] for [illegible]
Very rough going, the place was
full of holes & very uneven
underneath, completely hidden
by the long grass. Turned
I [illegible] [illegible] without [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about.
a mile & then [illegible] [illegible] down
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] a second [illegible]
3 patches of grass nearby
in the vicinity but would
not flush the bird again.
Watched a point all grass patch
when I last [illegible] flushed the
bird. Did not get a long
view. [illegible]
[illegible]
17th. Foggy. [illegible]
it [illegible]
still [illegible],
[illegible]
Go to another area of grass &
search through it for birds.
Shot a Grass warbler but it
was no good for skinning
mutilating badly & shot about.
Just before sunset I

flushed another black, but
failed to bring it down.
It flew away off a couple
of miles & I lost sight of
it. Went a back to the place
from which it flushed, &
close by, lying on an
old anthill, a shallow hole scratched in ground, numbers of pellets
& feathers about. This bird was
rather a ragged specimen, it
appeared to be moulting

3 p. 75.77

Nov 18 Friday ~~[illegible]~~ ~~2 p 66 67~~

Flock of 13 large Spoonbill flying over

[illegible]

flicking tail. [illegible] [illegible]
with [illegible] bait
a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from placed
on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] finally
smothered with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] into a
big nest of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I crossed the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a pet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] A dozen or so in
one place [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
notice. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & went back to
camp & had a bath [illegible] [illegible] again
& started out. The flock of 13 [illegible] [illegible]
in V shaped formation
spoonbill seen flying high [illegible] from
the south, heading [illegible] the
area of grass I searched

Wednesday afternoon I gave out another drive, in about 2 of our [illegible] then. Afflicted a little another turn. Luckily found the grain [illegible] but did not see anymore Terns & these birds. Down into the south. Went through a big patch in wide & Johnny [illegible] good scrub but no bird left in it. Crossed three ridges north ridge. Searching [illegible] [illegible] not get a shot at it. Some Bronzewing pigeon in small patch of scrub [illegible] one. Went through several patches & belts of scrub on the ridges & in the gullies of southern end of [illegible] [illegible] ridge. Bronzewing [illegible] [illegible] pigeon fairly

[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Bird. 333. 291. 31 20 53 ♂
Irides dark brown bill white [illegible]
pink legs [illegible].
Remains of a rat & a Lizard.
Bird very fat. No sign of breeding
Cuckoo. 212 118. 17 17 ♂
Irides brown upper mandible black lower brownish
tip. Feet brown. Stomach insect remains
Megapode 116 249. 22 60 ♂
Irides brown Bill yellow culmen dark brown
Legs rich salmon red. upper surface of toes
blackish brown Stomach [illegible] seeds

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Nov 29th Saturday ~~60~~ ~~60~~ 70

Heard Quail calling again this
morning just after daylight.
Left right after [illegible] could not
[illegible] Breakfast. [illegible]
[illegible] the morning.

[illegible] calling again located
them feeding about [illegible] of distinct
[illegible] 60 ft up got 1 bird
out of 2 while number of Pigeons (not common)
calling but could not get a shot
at them. Saw 5 Red headed Woodpeckers
shot one. Think I heard ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ Bob-white
[illegible], could not see it
again. Found [illegible] of the
Graceful Brown backed Woodpecker
seen. Also a few Thrushes.
Blue Flycatcher heard calling

[illegible] 30 ft. [illegible]
[illegible]

Spent about 3 hours [illegible]
[illegible] Magazine. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Sent food & papers.
Thin boots.
[illegible] 28 53 [illegible] 16 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

after breakfast I & [illegible] went
north of Tracy and [illegible] Sunday
it is eight from the foot of
the hill. Big flock of Black-
breasted plovers & great small
water birds. Turtles on [illegible]
ground building on dry dirty
overhanging bank of creek.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
follow them up but they
were too many. [illegible] of [illegible]
shot at [illegible] or back.
then back and [illegible] finished.
They finished no work.
Came in [illegible] at
noon of the [illegible] table.
and another [illegible] finished a
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
into [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

get a shot. In this also
flushed from this [illegible]
Spent about an hour. [illegible]
stepped up the creek again
another Cinnamon Teal nearby
pool. I flushed a Ringneck
which flew into a thicket of
Bamboo. Walked around them,
flushed from a water pool of
water. Saw another female of
Ringneck Pheasant [illegible]
after but did not get a
shot. Shot a Yellow [illegible]
Woodpecker & left in the
lunch [illegible] & started
with first of. Saw another female
Ringneck pigeon in brush with
them on return. Then back
Cinnamon pigeon only which

to [illegible] Christmas. [illegible]
[illegible] & go [illegible] prison [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] met. [illegible]
Division [illegible]
[illegible] Then [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
& remained in London. It
[illegible]
[illegible] wrapped [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

4 10 82. 85

Nov 30th Sunday. ~~7 + 75~~

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Kindly [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Morning. Soon the gun [illegible]
[illegible] Thirty [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible] the
[illegible]
a [illegible]
[illegible]
Go back for the gun at the
double [illegible] for a
[illegible]
[illegible]
cannot [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Mine [illegible]
There are about 80 of the
[illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible], 2.9.17.5. 15 [illegible],
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Return [illegible]
[illegible]
Been going against the wind
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Fine
[illegible] all my
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Dec. 1st [illegible] 4 P.M. 78.76

[illegible] morning [illegible] camp

[illegible] and [illegible] by the

[illegible] that may [illegible] the

camp.

Received a note from [illegible]

of the committee [illegible]

the [illegible] and [illegible]

except [illegible] they had not

complained [illegible] of

but [illegible] the commission

[illegible] is

[illegible] that [illegible] not

[illegible] Court

[illegible] why he didn't [illegible]

[illegible] the name. The reply.

[illegible] he would not reply

for some time & then on a

sign from the [illegible] said The[illegible]

wished not yet changed.
Field stores left to go.
Read of Battle & Bellamy
over by evening boat.

One of the old natives was
at Kinsaye St. Hill. were
the native names of
the birds I had just
birdless heard calling in
trees at camp.

Still heard I proved it
have a bird all names of
the words I had previously
noted.
Twenty second. Rain

leaves of Pitted Fern and
... been completely covered.

nest containing young was then
[illegible] bird [illegible] ...

[illegible] ... [illegible]
I don't know how this nest
escaped fire. The leaves on the
trees all around are well
scorched, also several ft from
ground.
A [illegible] nested. This [illegible]
from the ground amongst [illegible]
[illegible]. The male bird Blue
Flycatcher was sitting on nest
noted 17th Jan. Climb to it,
secure 2 eggs. [illegible]
climb a second nest but it

fell to the ground & smashed
up. Came the [illegible] Break
[illegible] on [illegible].
My nice little [illegible]
has been burnt out.
Go on to the end of the [illegible]
[illegible] building [illegible] went [illegible]
search all around but I did not
see any sign of birds. Have a
good search round through the
burnt country but I did not
find anything. Fruitful Dusky
Brown backed Honeyeaters. Blue
birds, Black caterpillar eaters,
Barred shrikethrush Common in the
in burnt country.
Occasional fairy Blue billed [illegible]
of my [illegible].
Return via Mission [illegible]

Blue [illegible] 14 g. 7a 10 or 8
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible].

[illegible] 1 [illegible] 12. 16
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Green Herons. [illegible] Brown.
Heard calling for first time
Secured one specimen.
Got back to camp 1 p.m.
Start in [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
outside a [illegible] [illegible]
Kingfisher calling in some
distance away got out after
it but did not bring it down.

Length 8 in. [illegible], Hawk nest in sight
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
Nest of [illegible] [illegible].
7.15 a.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
Composed of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Nest of [illegible]
9 pm Curlew calling near camp
imitate call. [illegible] all
round camp all time calling
loudly & again calling very low
& soft, utters a short note
when near, but a musical loud
wail when away. Once uttered
its loud whistling cry. Go out
with torch & get quite close

No. 17.

Going back to the hut I trod on a snake & felt it strike me, I jumped in. I've got an idea I can jump fairly well, when I am pushed, because I landed some few feet away.
Had a look at my leg, no marks. Then went & had a look for the snake, it was still there, a common snake & poisonous, they tell. & [illegible] the ground [illegible] its head down. it struck the [illegible] with its tail. quite a hard blow; tail like a rattler.
I tapped at it with a stick for luck & then killed it.

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[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
at [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] around [illegible]
[illegible]
for a while. The valley narrows
the hillsides are steep [illegible]
& covered with low tangled growth
[illegible] grass covers the [illegible]
boulders & [illegible]
is [illegible]. [illegible]
a boulder, ^scrubby^ strewn bed, rocks
very slippery. Follow along for
a couple of miles at times along
the hillside where it is clear
going. At last the valley widens
out but the open [illegible]
country any covered with a tangled growth
of grass. At last get through to a
fine area of forest covering mostly
big blackwoods; through which a [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] & along bed of

creek. Find nest of Pigeon hawk, with

on nest a few ft above my head.

But a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pull [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] with a stick, then [illegible]

of nest to bed of creek & flutters [illegible] as

if badly hurt. [illegible] pull [illegible] down until

nest is almost perpendicular, holding my hat

[illegible] which I [illegible], [illegible]

with such [illegible] to catch the eggs. Nest on

nest in perpendicular, eggs fall out, [illegible]

a [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] to ground & breaks.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], no

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. A beautiful

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] can be seen but

cannot get a shot at it. [illegible] of [illegible] & [illegible]

along [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] my [illegible]

a bit as I had not met with any water.

A Broad-billed flycatcher is seen in a patch

of [illegible] by a shot but I do not bring

it [illegible], cannot find it again.

Little [illegible] seen flying past. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

steeply down to sea. About a mile & half

of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible].

[illegible] to climb to nest of [illegible]

bird [illegible].

[illegible]

Go in the morning to the [illegible] &
stay till [illegible].

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Dec 3rd Wednesday. ~~2p 93~~

Go out to get [illegible] of the [illegible] birds. Passing along a [illegible] in the scrub I saw an Oriental Cuckoo fly past me up into the [illegible] hills. Set off after it and [illegible] about a mile, through belts of scrub & forest country but could not get within range. Fired a couple of long distance shots without result.

This bird's nest was pulled down. It looked very like as if a native had been up the tree. Searched around but did not find any of the nest.

[illegible] see any of the birds about

Have a good search around
through ~~the~~ [illegible] country
but do not see anything of
note. Reuben the swamp & Thom-
[illegible] yesterday. After dinner
the [illegible] came out with
8 [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] that
I had brought back to camp.

We [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
on the burnt country &
looking high [illegible] only got one
bird for 3 shots.

[illegible] 95 [illegible] 15 8

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Worms in abdominal cavity.

[illegible] 219 151 15 [illegible] 5

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of

[illegible] [illegible].

5.30 p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

He will take couple of [illegible]

of it [illegible] [illegible].

On may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

flock of [illegible] coming in.

Dec 1st Thursday. ~~10 . 9 .~~
Breakfast at sunrise, packed up
& then in the morning &c
A small lagoon with a wind
coming up in the N.W. & clouding up
signs of northerly etc. There
very quiet, crawled all over
& inventing a bed [illegible] in
[illegible], then [illegible] wanted them to
ground & [illegible] round for
sunset. Mr [illegible] had promised
to send a couple of boys out to
carry box but nothing. had not
arrived by 9.30 I set off with
it myself. [illegible] in [illegible] land
camphor wood box 30 x 15 x 15 in
Pectorals numerous along track seem
to be just arriving. Single Whistling
eagle seen soaring over burnt country

Read mission station and the work making
home, scarcity of suitable timber
there. Boys had trouble for a new
canoe. Cannot get wood long &
light enough to make keep for
Conical & Bamboo [illegible] to
leave. [illegible] up & [illegible]
& [illegible] the camp. Caught a nice
specimen of Brown snake.
After I went to bed was in search
of [illegible] flashing light over ridge
pole of [illegible] [illegible] & finally hit
killed it. Much bigger than any I
have seen before.
After specimen of brown snake had
gone bed but [illegible] [illegible] it away
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
south. 11 p.m.

4 P 99-102 ~~[illegible]~~

Dec 1st Friday. Blowing & rain all morning about camp — take my things out. Morrison & [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] are going to Basra for a few weeks & Major [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & Major [illegible] & I go on to B.D. on Saturday

2 Black Duck [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Fair [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Found [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] another [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] here [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Outsiders [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] White Egret & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

timing [illegible] coming inland lack of
variety [illegible] the lower hills
are covered in places with
[illegible] The Surveyor pointed
out the only water [illegible]
in the [illegible] a native with him
[illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible]
Bird Rocks 1.30 [illegible] Have lunch [illegible]
[illegible] inland. At West
[illegible] around
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
other [illegible] Big Rock [illegible] round
[illegible] on
[illegible] Bourn
[illegible] along [illegible] creeks. Strike
creek with good [illegible] along it
plentiful supply.

Train here brought Brahy Honeyeater
Down Tabby. Blue flycatcher.
Thought I heard a Thickhead call but
could not locate bird. Shot one
a small rail [illegible] [illegible]
on [illegible] ground. Only
had time to shoot [illegible] passing day
Two specimens. [illegible]
Black
Moorhen flushed off a small [illegible]
while. Dropped on [illegible]
came close [illegible]. Shot
Bay among [illegible] surrounded by
Pandanus, only just [illegible]
and in [illegible] [illegible]
Saw fine specimen of [illegible]
Heron. Fired a shot but
did not bring it down. Ill
need [illegible] with either
a double barrell gun. [illegible]

I had my 3 o'clock. [illegible] marched
guard a little [illegible] thought only
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] Coming [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]

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Saturday Dec 6th ~~7p 6 9~~ 91

Up at daybreak. Cup of tea & snack & started off alone with [illegible] for [illegible] . [illegible] had [illegible] getting [illegible] [illegible] got [illegible] [illegible] . [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] . Tried a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] . [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] . Return [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] . [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] again. [illegible] then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] village [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] back to village [illegible] after evening. About 7 miles yesterday. Spent [illegible] afternoon [illegible] in [illegible] behind village.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] pack up & go on to
Fort [illegible] [illegible] Co.
[illegible] Walker in charge. [illegible]
a [illegible] day [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] paid [illegible]
of [illegible]. [illegible] day [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] typical [illegible]
[illegible] night [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] wind & [illegible] [illegible]
Thought [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
any. [illegible] [illegible] not
know [illegible] any [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] they
knew of in [illegible] [illegible] of them
Make a good meal of [illegible] duck, it was
absolutely delicious. Mangoes for dessert.

the flock of Doves [illegible]
as the [illegible] could not
identify them [illegible]
a single [illegible]
[illegible]
the [illegible]
in full [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
at 7 [illegible]
[illegible]
Farquhar set back [illegible]
morning [illegible]
[illegible]

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Sunday Dec 7th. Slept in
pretty bad — very tired. After
breakfast D. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
go along. Richard [illegible] in bed
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Dave [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Mrs Williams, Mrs [illegible] Jardine, George
Fenton. Donaldson. [illegible]
Read [illegible]
Sent [illegible] Then. [illegible]

Keep horses in old hotel. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
hotel. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
lunch & then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
along for about 1/2 hours.
Set out again [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible] mail [illegible]. Call on [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] for supper
here. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] up [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Find mail awaiting me at
Hotel. [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible].

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Dec 3rd – ~~17~~ 43?

Parcel . 5/8

" 5/5?

" 3/2?

[illegible] 2/-

[illegible] 4/-

[illegible] 7/-

[illegible] 1/6?

[illegible] 4/-

[illegible] 3/-

Parcels forwarded 3.

Writing letters.

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Dec 9th Tuesday ~~10 94~~

Session 7 P.M. [illegible]

7.00 am. [illegible]

[illegible] session.

Evening [illegible] 7.00 p.m.

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Dec 10th Wednesday ~~2p 95-96~~
Out at daylight & got breakfast
under way. Strong S.E. breeze.
no sign of rain.
[illegible] south with the
[illegible] [illegible] & work up along
of the hills. It is almost
completely desert but very
little bird life along the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], a few
Grass wrens in small clumps
of [illegible] grass. The green. The
[illegible], & few [illegible].
[illegible] & Yellow throated & a
few [illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] a good
[illegible] [illegible] country, no
bird life [illegible]. [illegible]
nest of Brown backed Honey

water. It was then drawn, on
a small log beneath the
ground in approx position of
the young chickens, traces
of dried blood on the matting
of the bottom of a hawk on
land, on the log explained the tragedy
Some feathers of the young chicken
were lying on ground beneath
gather them up & bring them
along. Go on to creek again
& follow it down. A number of
Chestnut breasted finches seen
in trees near small waterhole
A night heron flushed from
a patch of hanging scrub.
Further on a Bittern flushed
from another patch of scrub
it flew to a tall tree a

[illegible] [illegible] hunted [illegible] [illegible]
I followed & shot it. Black
Kitten, a little [illegible]
Pigeon was next seen on
[illegible] a close by on a Great
[illegible] which flew into a
big tree near where I
was [illegible] was caught
and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
Return to camp then lunch
& skin the birds.

Pigeon. 10 15/16. 5. 9/16 1. 5/16 inches ♂ (255. 152 18 28)
Irides dark brown. naked skin dull
dark red. Bill pale scarlet, base
dull dark red. Legs dark purple red
Crop seeds from [illegible] [illegible]

57 1/2 206 80 65 inches

Bittern 22 [illegible] 3 1/16, 2 10/8 ♂

[illegible] brown spot [illegible]

Irides inner circle yellow outer pale brown

Bill dark brown, lower bill pale olive brown. Legs dark brown.

Stomach & [illegible] empty.

428 248 75 65 inches

Megapode 17. [illegible] 3/16 [illegible] 2 10/16 ♀

Irides dark brown Upper mandible dark brown. tip edge & lower mandible brownish yellow

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Dec 11th Thursday ~~3p 97-99~~
Up at daybreak. Stormy & Wind
Breakfast & then go down to
south at edge of mangroves.
Wade through & along it.
The fire has in many places
gone right through it &
many standing trees & logs
are still burning. One has
[illegible] nearly. [illegible]
Down at [illegible]. Bird life
scarce. A few Starlings, Thrushes
Fantail & Yellow spotted Honey
eaters only ones along here in
the first half mile. Try the
forest country for a while.
A few Blue [illegible] &
Dusky Honeyeaters seen in
some flowering [illegible].

things - the Pigeon Hawk also
seen. Weird sounds again
& much stronger at twice past
Saw spectacle of the [illegible]
on dim [illegible] light it appeared
[illegible] I could
it, I [illegible] heard the shrill
[illegible] which I [illegible]
called [illegible] in [illegible]
the first time I have heard
this [illegible] here. [illegible]
[illegible] of which the [illegible]
were [illegible]. Some of the
young are [illegible] [illegible]
lie on ground beneath the tree.
These nests are quite [illegible]
for the tree is too tall &
thin to climb with safety
Have an [illegible] of both nests

of The Treeduck in this pocket
no sign of occupation.
Sunbird building nest 6 ft from
ground in fig. Shining Flycatcher
nest in unusual situation (on dead pendulous branch of Weber tree 15 ft from ground, in open pocket) was
nest found at ground guite
good but I did not see bird.
Stik. ~~2 nest of Blue Flycatcher~~
~~near ... tall ... tree~~
Nest of Pinch-shrike Thrush
too in unusual position 20 ft
from ground in tree at edge
of light scrub. Some Torres
Strait Pigeon feeding in trees
in Scrub bay E of Them.
Between the camp through native
gardens a little to south.
Called in at spring for drink
Owner of garden there, Sag

bunch of Baby Bananas – a
large yam & a Pineapple
for 2/- to [illegible] [illegible]. The
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

154 70 12 15

[illegible] 6 [illegible]/16. 2 [illegible]/16. 7/16. 11/16 in ♂

[illegible] bill [illegible]

[illegible] legs dull [illegible]

241 155 19 20

Starling 7 5/16. 6 7/16. 12/16 13/16 ♀?

Irides [illegible] bill [illegible] black

267 147 22 18

Blue [illegible] 10 9/16. 5 13/16. 13/16. 11/16.

Iris [illegible] Bill dark [illegible]

yellowish, legs dark grey

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Dec 15th

[illegible] 15 21 [illegible]

[illegible] passage [illegible] Butterfly [illegible]

Track.

Caught moth Euchromia at light in Tent.

Dec 10th Saturday ~~2 P 101~~ 103

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], but
when I got [illegible] [illegible] found I [illegible]
[illegible] up the [illegible]. I saw the
brilliant little gem of the [illegible],
A little kingfisher, flying from [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a few yds away from
the [illegible] which I was washed

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] from place to place, I picked
[illegible]
[illegible] Warbling [illegible]
[illegible] Black
[illegible] from the nest
[illegible]
[illegible] of Traps.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
shot the male.
[illegible] Search again
for the little Kingfisher. Another
old nest of Dayyum noted
nest of Purple breasted

Pigeon with bird sitting, & flushing
found in mangroves, the bird
allowed me to approach quite
close. When it left the nest it
fluttered away low down
among the mangroves. Found
a short distance further in
as the nest contained a
small young one. The parent
bird seen sitting on a log
40 yds away raising & lowering
its wings apparently to attract
my attention, and when I moved
towards it, it fluttered away as if
wounded, for a few feet & then flew strongly
away. The notes of the Mangrove Flycatcher
next attracted my attention, I located the
bird which quickly flew to its nest 20 ft
up in mangrove a coloured female who was
sitting. Climbed to it & secured a complete
nest. Shortly after female returned & I shot
her as rather unusual for these birds to be
in mangroves. Return to camp at ...

[illegible] 14. 70. 13. 15. ♀
Iris dark brown. Bill dull lead blue tip black. legs dark brown.

[illegible] 198. 140. 27. 25. ♂
Iris dark brown. bill [illegible]
brown and black. legs [illegible]
tinged blue

[illegible] 172. 57. [illegible]
Iris dark brown. Bill [illegible]
[illegible]

& get lunch underway as Mr [illegible]
is coming out & the food will be on
the arrival in half an hours time
& we lunched off stewed Pigeon &
peas & finished up with a Pineapple.
We then went along to get nest of

Blue Heron that found yesterday
Limb too frail to stand my weight
so I cut saplings tied them together
& made a sheerlegs. Climb up this
& secure the eggs, they were badly
incubated so I left them. took
took snaps of me on sheerlegs
reaching for nest. I then shifted
sheer legs back a bit, got up
again & took snap of nest, rather
a difficult job as I had to use
both hands with the camera, standing
on top of sheerlegs bracing myself with
my knees against the ...

Return to camp & skin birds.
Mr [illegible]combe leaves Cannara for ... to
take couple of snaps of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
brought couple of moths a[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] morning [illegible]

Sunday 14 [illegible]

[illegible] Title

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I heard

it [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I followed the line

[illegible]

[illegible] my eyes [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

in the interest [illegible] of the bird ahead
being constantly misled by a flicker of a falling
leaf, the flash of sunlight on the scales [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] are [illegible]

Cells of the Ovum [illegible] are [illegible] and [illegible]

Red corpuscles [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

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9 am the Lecomte called aboard

to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] for Chaddlton [illegible] about

11 a.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

to be [illegible] [illegible] provisions

when required. 11 am - to on board

the mission [illegible] cutter of about

5 tons called the Margie manned

by crew of 4 [illegible] islanders.

Another [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on board

[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] to

is not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mitchell [illegible]. 11.40 a.m. [illegible]

anchor [illegible] [illegible] under way. [illegible]

S.E. breeze, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible]. Then [illegible] off [illegible].

[illegible] fluttering [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] of something which dropped

& fell with a splash into water, the bird

following. [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] West side.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Queens [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] piping [illegible]

[illegible]

slack water. Got clear of other boats at anchor & stand across harbour to about & head up for channel. Rough passage between Wednesday & Thursday in. Took good heading as by middling have passed through passage. No lights seen in channel. Rock. Ran off & ahead & head for Mera, arrived on the beam. Many have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for comfort. Turned out. [illegible] time. Passengers pretty seedy & felt a bit anything [illegible] on deck. I [illegible] down into the little cabin but soon have to get up for fresh air over the side. [illegible] occasionally. [illegible] Mary's having a pretty bad time. Mitchells also pretty [illegible]

Hooked a fine Kingfish on the
Tow line. Get down in the cabin
again as it is wet on deck
pretty sick. Get up on deck again
as we near Mon. Can see smoke
from grass fires on island, then
along on beach pickling up
the [illegible] hanna [illegible] brown
[illegible] a native village. [illegible]
[illegible] on right passage [illegible]
up plainly. [illegible] in a deep
anchor the day [illegible] 4 p.m. [illegible]
here is one of the fine islands
with [illegible] [illegible] lagoon
on S.E. side. [illegible] [illegible]
healthy [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] in the [illegible]
a native built from a cocoanut
leaf [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

disposal of Dr Nicholls & self.
Have a welcome rest & change,
then come afternoon tea &
Mrs Thescombes, helps to fill the
aching void caused by very long
passage, but [illegible] & [illegible] grow
on [illegible] & [illegible] away [illegible] dark,
Mr [illegible] kindly asked us to
have [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible].
until we got [illegible] [illegible] glassed up.
[illegible] of [illegible] brought in
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cannot
[illegible]
3 species of [illegible] noted on [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] & Black [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] flying [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] hand.

Sun. Nov 8th.

[illegible] Been out [illegible] from
not feeling too good. I am tired feet.
Mr. Lincoln asked me when [illegible]
not to do any work on Sundays. I
promised not to do any shooting
except when a rare specimen was seen.
[illegible] in a good day [illegible] the
stores & gear. Everything all right except
[illegible] up [illegible] started.
the rough wagon. [illegible] one
in & prepare [illegible]
[illegible] had.
[illegible]
camping place at foot of valley, about
a mile inland to walk up [illegible] the
track leads down through village. The
island to the left heavily
grassed, undulating, [illegible]

[illegible] Pepperbushes, Wattles, Weber plums
[illegible] Variety of the trees rather
stunted. [illegible] a couple of dry
creeks fringed with [illegible] palms.
Swamps [illegible] Paper barks &
other trees of fair size. Pandanus
palms in all the gullies & small
watercourses.
Good spring at foot of [illegible]
peak, but no good place to meet
camp. Too much grass. Climb
to top of the peak, whence [illegible]
seen [illegible] overhanging rock
[illegible]
[illegible] for the yellow [illegible]
Bush [illegible] up eastern side of peak.
Long [illegible] high boulders.
Reach top & get a good view of
surrounding country

Looking south, country fairly open
well grassed, lightly timbered, tops
of small rocks fringed with [illegible]
[illegible] Rocky hills with scattered
clumps of stunted scrub & [illegible]
timber Pandanus in gullies.
North [illegible] mass of [illegible] with
fringe of scrub on edge. [illegible] point
with thick clumps of timber at
foot of peak [illegible] the [illegible] is
covered with stunted scrub
[illegible] edge [illegible] [illegible]
island [illegible] [illegible]
at Mea peak on north [illegible] with
dense scrub [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
mangroves. [illegible]
[illegible] peak [illegible]
Bloodwoods & [illegible] [illegible]

camping place about 300 yds
from spring in clump of trees
Decide to wait camp here
Return to Prairie in afternoon
Birds noted.
[illegible] Bluebird [illegible]
single bird seen at [illegible]
On [illegible] [illegible] the
following were noted
Black [illegible] white
Swallow
Dusky Grouse
Grace's [illegible]
Yellow [illegible]
Sulphur-bellied [illegible]
[illegible] Pigeon
Blue [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] gunwall

White Ibis

White fronted Heron

Spur winged [illegible]

Rufous [illegible] back

at Mission [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

men [illegible]

[illegible]

Monday Nov [illegible]. Up at 6 a.m., making up parcels of stores & equipment for natives to carry out. [illegible] of camp, but then away with a load & then breakfast at Mission house. After breakfast go out to [illegible] making camp having things [illegible] the brought out by natives

Had to go about a mile to the mangroves for suitable poles for tent & bunks. Very warm work, especially the carrying of the poles. Had tent up & bunks rigged just before dark. Had to do all the work myself as the natives were most of the day carrying out equipment & stores. They were of little use in putting up tent as it would take too much time telling them what to do.

Birds within vicinity of camp & mangroves.
Collared Kingfisher
Blue Winged Kookaburra
Oriole
Dusky Honeyeater
Fig Parrot

Graceful Honeyeater

Yellow-spotted " "

Red-headed " " . . Heard [?] calling in mangroves

Sun-bird

Pied Caterpillar-eater

Rufous-breasted Thrush heard in mangroves

Mistletoe Bird

Swallow, javanica [?]

Helmeted Friar Bird

Barred shouldered Dove

Red crowned fruit Pigeon, heard calling in

Old nest of this Sun-bird seen in

mangroves.

Mr. [illegible] came out & pay-

us a visit about 7 pm. He had

not long arrived from T. I. came

over in [illegible] [redacted] He

[redacted] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Tuesday Nov 18.

Brushed things a bit yesterday. Don't feel very good. Finish making bed. Snug at camp, clean up some in case of fire. Used some Dust shot cartridges.

Go in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible] things. [illegible] [illegible].

Brushed [illegible] [illegible].

Chicle [illegible] [illegible] firm camp.

Blue flyer [illegible] [illegible].

Go in the [illegible] [illegible] about 5 pm. Did not [illegible] [illegible] along.

Saw some birds [illegible] [illegible] small mangrove creek near the native village. Caught a glimpse of a [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] in the mangroves.

before I could get to front
back at it with the [illegible]
[illegible] of Brown [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in-
truck.
Reach the hill.
Brown [illegible].
Graceful.
Ouchy.
Yellow [illegible]
Really in [illegible] [illegible] &
[illegible]
Quick [illegible].
Barrel [illegible] ([illegible] [illegible]
Spent a very pleasant evening
at Mrs [illegible] house. [illegible]
recitation & [illegible] etc.
Mrs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Miss [illegible] & Mrs [illegible].

~~are going to call in at camp for lunch tomorrow on their way out to Bean Landing. Fortunately I only have to furnish liquid refreshments. Leave for camp 11 a.m. Man by name of Price has run beyond the ridge to R.R. track. Struck a stone house from an old garden on way to camp.~~

Wednesday Nov 5th,
Trying my hand at some johnny cakes, fairly successful.
Turkey just about done, we will have to still things a bit easier for a few days.
11 am The picnic party arrived bringing with them a plentiful supply of food, have lunch.
After lunch the ladies went further afield in search of Ferns. Mr [illegible] & [illegible] went out along edge of many [illegible] of bush [illegible] along foot of hill [illegible] front of camp. Go through several small patches of scrub [illegible] little bird life to be seen as it is very dry here

~~As far as I can learn there is
very little permanent water
on this side of island except
in wells. Return to camp. Dr
Nicholls takes a couple of snaps
of picnic party, before they go.
Then I go in the small wagon
and have a look for
[illegible] seen yesterday, but
could not see it again.
Strong S.E. [illegible] makes it
difficult for either [illegible] to
see birds.
Birds noted, [illegible] [illegible]
seen in [illegible] banks at edge of
mangroves.
Heard a small [illegible] from
long grass near Pool.
[illegible] [illegible] an interesting~~

Thursday Nov 1st.
Make an early start this
morning. Present for the
[illegible] on Boxgrove road.
Meet about 2 hours [illegible] begin
[illegible] about the map papers [illegible]
[illegible]
a [illegible]
Stony S E round again, get
[illegible] here.
Work back along road, thick
short on Allied [illegible]
back the camp working [illegible]
a [illegible] of district, [illegible]
to make a decent job of it
my hands are stiff & sore
from using axe & mattock.
After lunch [illegible], 3 go [illegible]
[illegible] Tracks [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] & [illegible] through

the scrub. Then we struck a [illegible]
along track, [illegible] rolled in good earnest.
Most of the scrub on the high
country has been cut down by
the natives [illegible] [illegible] ground
for plantations, [colony of things [illegible] built] There is plenty
of garden ground on this side
of the range but the country
is steep & rocky. Several
fine hills [illegible] around [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] edge of
mangroves. Several old roads.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
ground in scrub. Saw a
Monarcha that I thought
may be new, it appeared to
have a grey throat & breast.
Could not get a shot at it.
[illegible] to another strip of

send. I could not come i-
n/ [illegible]. [illegible] Had a good
around. Fruit Bejern on [illegible]
[illegible] camp. [illegible] with [illegible]
Birds [illegible]. On [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible] I [illegible]~~
~~I [illegible]~~
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] with
[illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
~~[illegible]~~
[illegible]
[illegible]

P. brachata ✓

P. domina ✓

P. [illegible] ✓

[illegible] ✓

G. [illegible] ✓

C. metallica ✓

P. [illegible] ✓

P. [illegible] ✓

P. [illegible]

P. novae hollandiae

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

P[illegible] [illegible]

P[illegible]rhynchus [illegible]

[illegible]pteron [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible].

Nov 7th.
Heavy Sh firing last night
shook the hut. Stand to be all
ready again. back from firing
ah before breakfast.
5.30 a.m. Go along to trench
firing pompoms, below the
camp & north right around.
through a hill - then gap
General Ald... B.G. Vendeleur
& Buffs in the ... till.
Much a ... wounded & shot
another ... the
Prisoners seen in trench.
Ambulance suffering ... till
Found old rest ... recently
many of Buffs ... wounded
of one ... open ... ...
trench, killing many of ... Set back.

to camp midday. Lunch & skin bird. Dr Nicholls busy in at Mission also fixing up a dark room. Spent afternoon hunting round through forest country, looking mainly for nests of Black Cockatoo & Cu. Birds plentiful but no nests could be found. Flocks of M. Cockatoos very graceful & lovely. Honeyeaters numerous. Grass warblers numerous in dry grass.

Couple of light showers after sunset. Don't like the look of rain, will have [illegible] it.

Nov. 8th Thurs. E. E. Morning
Up at 6 am. Took a walk before
breakfast.
Rec'd [illegible]
9:30 am. [illegible]
scrub at edge of [illegible] a
creek [illegible] for
about a mile. Beautiful, Brown,
Dusky, Yellow-tipped Honey-eaters
[illegible] Red-capped
[illegible], Shining [illegible], Blue [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Thrushes [illegible] but
did not get a shot. Pair of
Shining Flycatchers seen. Minute
Shrike Thrush fairly numerous.
Bad day for collecting birds
too much wind.

Walk through several [illegible] of
[illegible] light wood in good quality
brought by old [illegible] J. Fellow
~~another [illegible]~~
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Pigeon
seen in forest [illegible] very shy
birds. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
After lunch [illegible] [illegible] came
along on his way to pick up
the Bangui going to Bulu.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] miles
from camp. Rest [illegible] [illegible]
taken & killed [illegible] [illegible]
30 ft python found in [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] did not shoot
[illegible] as it would go bad.

[illegible]. I got [illegible]
Track [illegible] through the [illegible] garden
a patches of sand.
8 [illegible]
Beyond the garden there are
big thickets of Bamboo [illegible] 6
or 7 [illegible]. Then a
fine orchard of [illegible] with
big [illegible] the trees.
In a tree a [illegible] of small
fringing [illegible] a colony
of [illegible]. The [illegible] being
building [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] the
on [illegible]
[illegible]
into many [illegible] a short
[illegible] at [illegible]
the side of these [illegible].

Go on a couple of miles further
round a rocky point rather a
rough scramble. See the Banyan
who is making good progress with
fair wind. [illegible]
[illegible]
picked up by Banyan a mile
or so further on round the
next point [illegible]
Through grass [illegible]
Flush [illegible]
[illegible]
a [illegible]
again [illegible]
Through [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

found another kifl from
ground in Pyne bark appears
fresh but there is no home
on ground beneath. This pocket
has only lately been burnt.
Up till back of Duke Town
along O. Henry Stallings line 6th
[illegible] [illegible] course of
[illegible] tries may have
a river.
Went up to Duke B. had little
Bird [illegible] [illegible] not
female
The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] taking
for [illegible] D [illegible]
Megapode & Bennett's [illegible]
calling. While carrying a
small [illegible] [illegible]
Rain came on. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Slept in pretty late did not
turn out till 9 a.m.
Nov 9th. Sunday.
Very [illegible] [illegible]. Many clouds
brought [illegible] through
the night
[illegible] a happy morning about
the camp. [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Noon.
Afternoon [illegible] [illegible]
Morning [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Band [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Dec 14 [illegible] Sunday. [illegible]
Finish stencil paper [illegible]
[illegible] take [illegible] copies of the paper
One from N rice showing clumps of
trees [illegible]
[illegible] showing [illegible]
where I got my [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
to it & after some little difficulty
secure the egg, which was [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]
Queen at the [illegible]
[illegible]

That note of call deep & deep
and gradually getting higher and
shorter & more rapidly uttered, then
end of call. Heard all round
when I saw the little Kingfisher
perching but saw no sign of the
bird. Sat down on a log & waited
for it. Heard it once again, [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible] up [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hovering [illegible] of the
little Kingfisher & caught a glint
of orange as it flashed past &
[illegible] out of sight. Follow the line
of flight carefully feeling my way
with hands & feet through the
high arching [illegible] & over the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] & logs of all

mangroves. My eyes on it the first signs of the bird which, and was constantly mislead by a glimpse of falling leaves, a flash of sunlight on the water or the movements of other birds, Shining flycatchers & Brown backed Honeyeaters which were seeking their food amongst the roots of the mangroves. Searched carefully for some distance but saw no sign of the Kingfisher or return again to the old spot & wait. Barred shouldered Doves were calling everywhere.
Kwuck-oo Kwuck ooh – Kwuck oo
Kwuck ooh. — Kwuck kwoo. Kwuck kwoo
Kwuck kwoo. Kwuck. A few graceful Honeyeaters were feeding in the tea trees & an occasional Shining starling flew past. In an hours time as I had

seen no further sign of the bird. I started to make my way out. My attention was attracted by the peculiar actions of a Minute shrike Thrush which was fluttering round & round the trunk of a mangrove in chase of something, which a few seconds later fell with a splash into the water, the bird following & hovering above it. I went over & found that it was a Gecko or Wood adder. Secured it. Further on a pair of Shining flycatchers were seeking a nesting site. The male uttering its harsh grating note durran at intervals & occasionally its rapidly uttered melodious flute like call. Tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu tuu. Just as I got to edge of mangroves a

Purple Kingfisher flew past & into an isolated stump. I followed but it flew off again, before I got near enough for a shot & disappeared in the thick mangroves I spent another hour in fruitless search of it, & then returned to camp for lunch. After lunch I set to work to recap & load empty cartridges a very tedious job. I had procured a piece of fine wire gauze when in T.I. & I made a couple of seives to grade my dust shot & I have made 3 grades ~~[illegible]~~ very fine ordinary & large, should now get better results with it. Later on I went into mission sta. to enquire what time Banzai was leaving for T.I. on the morrow. Night spent in writing. Caught few moths attracted by light.

Don't feel too good, running a little
fever temperature.

Dec 18, went to mission to see as
boat has not yet left & send
further spring in the P.O. to
see if I can get one made
there. Go back to Mangrove ck
again but do not see the birds
again. Cross creek & search
through mangroves along shore
hunting. Saw nothing on some
reefs off the point. Nothing
of note in Mangroves.
Got back to camp 2 pm. Feeling
[illegible] bad have to lie down
the afternoon. Take dose of
Quinine.

Dec 15th Monday Up at daybreak Mr Scrivener sent a boy out to tell me Bangor would not be leaving till about 10 am Feeling a bit off color. Must have a touch of Dengue fever.

Take letters in to Mission a/c

H G White 1 letter 1 pkt snapshots 1 small parcel.

Home 2 snapshots of camp & Mia peak.

M A Rose 1 registered letter 2 registered packets.

Note to Jack Summers

Order to Hedils

Give letters to Mr Scrivener & then go down to Morgan's Creek & hunt along it b. Purple Kingfisher

seen. Try a shot & bring it down in the water. Another flew up creek from near by. Go to pick up bird I had shot & it flew up out of water & away up creek. Follow up & flush it a couple more times but could not get a shot. Eventually lost it. Hunt for other one up & down creek see it several times but can not get near enough for a shot. Try shot at long range & it flew away from creek & to hell of

Mergansers along shore. Flush Mergansers Bitterns[?] near mouth of creek & fail to get a shot. Creek & spring in my back. Get back —

Note Annu[?] ...

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Dec 16 Tuesday. Visit ravine, but not going
to pond. Found a little [illegible] nesting
in a nest in a [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
of hundred yds from camp. [illegible]
after them but did not get a [illegible]
Some more came along after [illegible]
& I [illegible] D. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] as I had [illegible]
[illegible] with me.
The [illegible] of mosquitoes. Soon after [illegible]
found R.S. Dove [illegible] nest in [illegible]
limb 30 ft up. Climb to a [illegible]
Search for little Kingfisher. A bit to much
water [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] eggs. The [illegible]
back to [illegible] I had not been in before.
Saw [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] full
fledged young. [illegible]
A bunch of [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
which [illegible], 15 ft up on big [illegible] of

mangroves kept me guessing as
to what it could be. On looking
from cover that it was a
Duck with wings a bit [illegible]
drooping. It saw me & plunged
into the water & away. A [illegible]
[illegible] flushed from tops of mangrove
Couple more Brown [illegible] [illegible]
watched for some time. [illegible]
Weather warm, [illegible] very
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] mangroves [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] Kingfisher
[illegible] calling from the back
probably [illegible]. [illegible] in [illegible]
but could not locate it. [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible]. Solitary White Ibis
seen. [illegible] & Fruit Pigeon call

Saw them later on top of dead tree, sitting once more at same time. [illegible] off [illegible] & a black [illegible] edge of the wings. Black Bittern flushed & away out of right towards covered edge of mangroves. Standing all birds here around calling & [illegible]. There is a good deal room for the Kingfisher [illegible].
Before the camp [illegible] is there waiting, he had brought me a couple of telegrams that came out via Badu. Get the billy on & cook some Bananas for lunch. Get a couple of small boys who were passing camp to pluck the Pigeons.
After lunch [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] billed Flycatcher 160. 72. 12. 19 ♂

Under neck brown. Bill all black

Legs black. Legs dark [illegible] blue

Throat crimson.

Whistling eagle heard calling

Broad billed Flycatcher 158. 67. 19. 18 ♀

Under neck brown Bill dark brown lower

mandible yellowish. Legs black [illegible]

Throat crimson

Then go in to mangrove creek

to see if I get get Little

Kingfisher or Mangrove Bittern

Reach head of creek flush bird

like Snipe from under dense

growing Pandanus. Tried a

shot as it flitted away

through trees but missed

~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~
Went about on beach after it
put it up 4 times & fired
2 more shots but did not get it
I couldn't follow him off the
timber too thick so could
not find it again
Go to where I had first flush
it & beat up small patch
of grass in hopes of raising
others no luck. Beat along
creek. Not birds at all to
be seen. Low tide. Have
another hunt round for snipe
no luck. Saw little green kingfisher
on creek. Return to camp a little
before sunset & get Tea ready.
Put a Pigeon on in pan with

some fat, over a low fire, fry for 20 minutes. Par boil Banana slice it & put in pan with Pigeon to brown. Pour off fat & add pint of water in which I mixed 1 table spoon of flour & 1 tea spoons of Bovril. Pour in pan with Pigeon & banana & let simmer for half an hour Boil billy & have tea.
Pigeon & banana excellent eating. Put other 2 on to stew.
Distant thunder & lightning away to north during evening
11 pm. Get batch of bread.
Feeling pretty rotten again

4P 133..136

Dec 17th Wednesday. Up at daylight. Distant thunder storms to the North. Light breeze from S.E. Get breakfast under way. Knead up bread. After breakfast, Get wood & water for the day. Thunder storms seem to be getting closer. Nun peak capped with white fluey clouds. 10 a.m. Put bread on to bake. Heavy rain about Nun peak. Can hear it here at camp. Thunder storm to N.E. Boil billy & have early lunch. Brown hawk heard calling & typical calls. 12.30 [illegible] Go in to [illegible]. I had finished the [illegible] yesterday. Search along the creek. Saw Australian Goshawk in full chase after

a Quail which flew in to
a tree & then dropped to ground
& when there crackling with
outspread wings, tail & feathers
of back neck & head erected.
Went within a few steps.
Quail flew off again
& I followed gave chase &
was quick enough when
both disappeared into a
patch of weeds. I followed
& searched through & around
but could not see any
sign of either bird.
Continued along creek to head
on top. Searched through patch
of grass & greasewood there.
no luck. Heard thing ...
along creek, no birds flying

kind does to any. Move on
& go to edge of Mangroves
shore. Then Orange [illegible]
back & shot the bird a
very imperfect specimen. Found
through the mangroves, Flush
Red crowned Pigeon from nest
15 ft up in Mangrove. Climb
up & remove eggs then wait
for bird to return. Wait
for over an hour. Heard
couple more Orange [illegible]
calling also Black-faced
Cuckoo shrike. Pigeon returned
& I shot it, fell & stuck
in mangrove roots & knocked
half the feathers off one wing.
Secure the nest. Nothing more
of note in Mangroves, leave.

Then we went through open
forest country. Found nest
of Blue Flycatcher nearly
finished 20 ft from ground
in small dead birch top.
Rainband, [illegible] camp [illegible]
[illegible] down the peak, right
along the [illegible] river.
[illegible] along the R.R.
Got back to camp 5 pm. [illegible]
skin the birds.
Pigeon: 332, 132, 16, 20. ♂
Iris orange yellow, rim of eyelid
yellow. Bill green, tip dull lemon blue.
[illegible] of feet.
Cuckoo 134. 28. 15. 18.
Inside of mouth bright red, [illegible]
[illegible]. Bill black, tip [illegible].

Mosquitoes beginning to be a little
trouble some.
Constant lightning away to the
right very close to a hill.
Numbers of insects attracted by
the light. A large black flying ant
most numerous. [illegible]

5p 137...141

Dec 18th. Slept in a hollow-
log, with fly on it. Started
to rain heavily during & continued
showers [illegible]. Clouds of
White ants flying prominent
during rain. Good deal of
[illegible]
After rain, turn out, birds calling
[illegible]. Heard a [illegible]
[illegible] both heard
Get the fire going & the billy
on for breakfast. Hear Torres
Strait pigeon calling in scrub
on Lady peak. Go out & try to
get some. No luck. Saw White-
tailed Kingfisher & brought it
down with a No 6 cartridge as
I had no smaller with me
it flew some distance & the

still out of night, but I managed
to find out. Mr Newcombe called
in at camp on his way to [illegible]
and we set off again [illegible]
at [illegible] the Kingfisher.
Kingfisher, 276, 94, 30, 157 2
Bitten stock burns, little improvement
Insect remains
While I was skinning the bird I
heard a Bittern calling in the [illegible]
so went after it but could not
locate it
Five up [illegible] to [illegible] of
nest as Mr Newcombe had
brought his camera, the [illegible]
back at midday. We then found
the [illegible] nest.
Red crowned Pigeon [illegible] eggs 4 ft
& 3 ft. Blue Kingfisher, nest 4 ft

Going by the road up to top
Sandy hill to west of camp
and pretty hot on the down-
ss in search of [illegible]. Shadow
of a Hawk passing over tent
brings me out in time to see
a fine Red Goshawk flying
over towards the mangroves.
Only had pair of shorts on & slip
a shirt & hat, fetch gun & go
out after the Hawk, eventually
track it in big Paperbark
[illegible] swamp. Get a
shot at it but fail to bring
it down. It flew right away.
Hear Bittern calling in reeds
and out of the other after some
many stalking I get a shot &
secure one bird. Hear a Pipit

calling. I have not heard this one
before. A long throaty gobbling
Kwork followed by [illegible] kook-
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]: Set out after it a [illegible]
pretty dense [illegible] [illegible], through
the outer edge of Mangroves, [illegible]
a prickly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
is growing thickly for about
300 yds. never once caught sight
of the bird so gave up. The [illegible]
are very large [illegible] [illegible]
& [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
scratches. Set off back to camp
as it was nearly sunset.
Get out into open. Air alive
with Australian Swifts.
Hundreds of them. 600 yds away
they are hawking low down.

double over & try 3 shots but
do not get a bird. They are
flying at top speed, taking
their prey, flying ants without
pause in the flight. The air
is full of sound with the
swift hissing chuff chuff of
their wings. Reckon they were
flying at well over 100 miles
per hour. How they take their
prey at such speed beats me.
Get back to camp, boil the billy
& have some tea.
Jimmy Bedu an old original
native of these islands comes
along with mail as the Ranger
has got back from T. I. Gun
springs came along but the
cursed idiot of a blacksmith

has made them a 32nd of inch
broader than the original. I'll have
to go in at Mission a.ten in the
morning to file them down.
Questioning Jimmy about the use
of the signal conch shell. he
told me that it was used
on the warpath to tell how
many men were killed. A single
blast for each of the enemy.
Shew him a Photo of the
mysterious wall & he told me
that something was buried
in it. Said there was one like
it on Backer & 2 on Moboiag.
As far as I could make out
parts of the body were buried
in it. Jimmy knows a very great
number of English words & I

couldn't understand the native
language.
Obs. The Pitta
Pitta 194. 112. 24. 42, 2
Feathers dark brown, Bill black
Legs cream tinged flesh
[illegible] very [illegible] close
Heard calling a long way off
[illegible] heard in the jungle
[illegible] legs [illegible] light

Friday

Dec 19th: Had a bad night. Up in pretty late. The boy [illegible]. Have a cup of tea & go in to the [illegible] & start to fit spring in gun. Practically have to remake spring, get it fit allright & return to camp & lie down. About 4 pm I heard that bird calling again down in Mangroves so I get the gun & go out after it. But in a few more clothes this time. Several of the Pigeons calling. They are very wary & I can only get fleeting glimpses of them as they fly off while I am 40 or 50 yds away. Tramp after them for about an hour. Then sit & wait, & imitate the call occasionally. Mosquitoes pretty bad. At last

[illegible] 10/11 [illegible]
& I shot the Little green Pigeon
I can't remember ever hearing
the call before. Heard Pitta's
of reaching [illegible] high [illegible] in the
[illegible] is also new to me.
The bird was too badly knocked
about to skin. Shot a Doves.
Fruit Pigeon in fringe of scrub
Saw a Pitta but I did not get
a shot at it. Got back to
camp at sunset.

Very hot & sultry all day
Night close, light variable
breeze.

7 pm Red necked Rail heard
calling as they passed over to
the South.

8.15 pm Curlew call
9 pm Pitta calling

Saturday Dec 20th. Slept a bit late. But feeling pretty right again. Got breakfast under way, grilled Pigeon & fried bananas. Then go down a along a through scrub fringing mangroves. Large flock of T. S. Pigeon in feed-tree at edge of scrub, try a shot but did not get 1 away. a more of them [illegible] feed. [illegible] Drongo seen flying into mangroves with building material. Large colony of Starling building in tall white Mangrove. Search for Drongo's nest but could not find it. Later I saw the bird 300 yds away in open flying in direction of nest with building material. See Sacred Kingfisher at edge scrub, try a shot but do not bring it down. Find a bird a Drongo building in Deciduous tree at edge of scrub, where I

bird previously noted. Friar bird.
nest. Go into a thorough scrub
for some distance. Fine pair of
Spinebill. Thyselothea seen about
them. Pair of Shining Flycatcher
also noted. Another large colony
of Calornis nesting in big White
mangrove. Go into open patch.
Seahawks appear to have been
at nest as there is a little
lime on ground beneath.
No eggs in Sunbirds nest noted.
Thyselothea nest
appears to be deserted, also
Minah. Thrush's nest noted.
Start back to camp.
See a Hawk acting in a strange
manner near Kingfisher's point
below crest of Moss peak. Too

far away to identify bird. Found Mangoes on ground beneath a wild mango tree. Try a couple, very tart, relieves thirst. A bird of Sugar came in one of the Gardens. Get back to camp 12 m. Lunch, skin birds Spectacled Flycatcher 132, 79, 14, 19 ♂ Irides dark brown. Bill dull blue, tip black legs dark slate blue.

Stomach insects

Spectacled Fly. Ctr. 158, 75, 14, 19 ♂

Soft parts similar Stomach insects

Afternoon go in to Mangrove creek Must wade to see if I could put up Snipe again no luck. Search along creek for Purple Kingfisher in Bottom. No birds of any kind to be seen here. Work back

along creek for some distance
Seeing a Rufous Fantail about.
Little Flycatcher noted. Walked
[illegible] a [illegible] go down to fringe
of mud around mangroves to
see if I could get some T.S.
Pigeons for the pot, only [illegible]
I could not get a shot at
them. Shot a Pitta strange to
[illegible]. Working that hard until
just after sunset.
Pitta 184.109. 45.00 ♀
Eyes dark brown, Bill black, legs [illegible]
[illegible] pink, [illegible] brown.
Stomach insect remains

~~Monday 22nd~~ } ~~Written up~~
~~Tuesday 23rd~~ }

Wed } Written
Thursday }

Friday Dec 26th. Rest tonight
Legs & feet quite allright.
After breakfast go out to see if
I can get any of those Hawks
Go where I had seen them
yesterday. No sign of them
about. Climb small hill to
survey country with glasses
See away down along Tardy pk
ridge. see Hawk soaring. cannot
make it out ~~too~~ far away, appears
Whistling eagle. Decide to
search white gum forest country
north-east of this side Tardy peak. Bush Pigeon
found here, shot F.S.R.

[illegible]

Found another bird in
good shape, appears fresh. Most
[illegible] here no birds come.
[illegible]. Work back a path
through found the beginning of
small fine peak, [illegible] along
foot [illegible] edge, letting [illegible]
[illegible] good [illegible] subject [illegible]
the mouth. Early pk. Climb up
to big rock. Heap of human
bones at entrance to small
cave formed by overhanging
rocks, ~~thigh~~ skin, arm, shoulder
blade some charred to ashes
others still showing color of
red pigment. Evidently some
fires must have burnt over
these bones as still some of
them are fairly preserved.

nothing in cave. Climb to top
Peak & miserable trip.
S & E part of island no [illegible]
to be seen. Go down to flat
& come another good spring at
foot of hill. Nothing found.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
Go down with Galbray Creek
Pectoral Sandpiper from damp
spot in creek, shot it. 2 [illegible]
flush try shot, miss badly
2 Little Green Pigeons fly up out
tree. Shot one. Hit other badly
but follow flight through timber
some distance, then lose sight
of bird. Follow line of flight
find bird dead couple hundred
yds. away. Hunt along creek
up to hills nothing doing.

[illegible] Bark [illegible] [illegible] to
more Report a trunk creek
then down along creek.
[illegible] of Hawks moved overhead
[illegible] high [illegible], going [illegible]
[illegible] Lonely Rock follow
& searched [illegible] thirty [illegible]
[illegible] of bird, Return [illegible]
& down along it to track
[illegible] back to camp. Macleay
Kingfisher flys [illegible] into
[illegible] gets away, follow &
shoot it. Got back camp.
[illegible] pm. Carry water. boil
billy & lunch. Then skin
birds.

Kingfisher 190. 36. 38 1 2 . ♂

[illegible] [illegible] brown bill black [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] dark [illegible] brown.

Rail 303 = 141, 33, 38. ♂
Irides orange red. Upper mandible dark brown. Lower tinged red. Legs brown.

Pigeon. 243. 140. 16. 26. ♀
Irides dark brown. bill pale-coral. base dull red. skull-purplish.

Spent rest of afternoon looking round for Hawks but did not see any.

[illegible] — Dec. 19th morning, Set to [illegible]
the south side lady peak to look for [illegible]
just inside edge of timber. I heard a
lot of G. T. [illegible] whistling [illegible]
[illegible] birds. All would call at once
then [illegible] separate calls.
Evening Grosbeaks [illegible] first
second time
Crossbills [illegible] seen [illegible]
Shot [illegible] whistling [illegible]
Shot one of them.
[illegible] south end near peak ridge
nothing of note. Came out
[illegible]
[illegible] 7
[illegible] but
[illegible] Pair of Brown
Creepers [illegible]

Whistling eagle screaming over
flats. Ingram to head & shoot.
Bring it to Thunder to fire.
Sleep. Scout Bestrick a little [illegible]
own [illegible] shot but cannot get
any. I had intended to go
around Bargai to see about
sipping temporary [illegible]. [illegible]
back to D.Q. but could not
find Captain of battalion.
Head for camp. Along way [illegible]
back of village, see a [illegible]
further on. I saw another but
did not get it. Morning camp
on a slender pinnacle. Junk
on top of Lady peak. [illegible]
could be seen. [illegible]
[illegible] it. [illegible]
Get back camp midday

Bill, belly & upper breast [illegible] white
[illegible] eye [illegible]

[illegible] 208. 136. 15. 18. ♂
[illegible] brown [illegible] brown
[illegible] under [illegible] lighter [illegible] olive

[illegible] 134. 107. 33. 18. 18. ♀
[illegible] brown, tail dark brown, lower whitish
legs very pale brown.

The [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
on camp side of [illegible] peak. [illegible]
[illegible] yds from camp. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. Yellow bird from [illegible]
top of head
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] shot. Single [illegible]

[illegible] on dead tree, [illegible] down. Pigeon [illegible]
feed tree [illegible] by. Honeyeater Pigeon
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] honeyeater [illegible] back to
camp. [illegible] camp one of the birds
[illegible] flying along [illegible]
[illegible] something [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
It was away towards [illegible].
Kingfisher [illegible] 85 38 12 8
Irides dark brown. Bill black. [illegible]
[illegible] grey brown.
Honeyeater [illegible] 75 20 23
Irides [illegible] brown. Bill black. Legs dull [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
26 [illegible] Red [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday 25. [illegible]

Breakfast on grilled Pigeon.
Then set off with the [illegible] the Hawks
again. Go out through country
[illegible] through [illegible] straight to
[illegible] without seeing anything of
note. Supper on leaving for [illegible]
[illegible] house. [illegible] accepted
[illegible] [illegible] in.
They are already under way, so
I cannot get the mail away.
Went back along plain at foot of
south end of the red ridge.
One of the Hawks flew after a
Saker hawk on small [illegible]
circled up & away to top
of ridge & disappeared in
[illegible] of [illegible] a mile
away. There is a [illegible] [illegible]

At noon we find a nice
good landing in & get on a
[illegible], no luck again. Bird
flew off & down ground in
timber on flat. Go down &
search for couple of hours
but do not see it again.
Small flock of [illegible] birds
seen again in open country.
Try a shot but do not get a
bird. They [illegible] again [illegible]
a mile away. Follow & get
[illegible] then go back.
Make back to camp. Shoot couple of
Exile gran warblers.
6 Exilis 100.05.10.17 3.

[illegible]

6 Exilis 78.05.10.18. 3

[illegible] 1 7 [illegible] 12 [illegible] 16 [illegible]

[illegible] hill [illegible]

[illegible] page [illegible]

Sunday 19th Dec. Wake just before daybreak. Turn out & go up south side of Lady rock to see if I can see any of the Hawks, after their breakfast. Keep a lookout for ~~south side of island~~ 2 hours, no sign of Hawks. Climb to top of peak & survey all eastern part of island with the glasses nothing to be seen. Dozens of Turtle shells scattered amongst the rocks on top of peak & one flat oval sandstone piece of granite that looks as if it had been used by the natives for grinding stone tomahawks. Go down to camp. Big flock of Torres Strait Pigeon in feeding tree near top of Peak don't get a shot at them. Numbers of Collared Rollers

of species feeding on flowering trees
cannot get any of these. Daylight
Left camp with Billy after breakfast.
Set out to explore about 1000 ft.
up on side of Dome peak. Nothing
a mile from camp. I found a flock
feeding in fringe of scrub on creek.
Found that cannot beat time.
Whiskey Jack calls a couple of
times & then flies away off to
unknown regions.
Went first up peak & climb to summit
by a steep rough. First few
hundred feet through light
scrub, then heavy tropical scrub.
Went around through this for
some time. Only birds seen
or heard: Ptilotis, [illegible]
Thrush. Yellow [illegible] [illegible]

Cuckoo 180 175 32 22 ♀
[illegible]
Sides cream inner circle brown Upper mandible
brownish black, lower greenish yellow, [illegible]
[illegible] edge yellow.
Stomach caterpillar.
Cuckoo 180 [illegible]
Similar

for about 1000 ft
Work along & up side of Peak till
I come to a narrow ravine, follow
this down. Dangerous going, rocks & many
slipping stones to cling to trees &
vines all the way. Find a
magnificent Bird nest fern
20 to 30 leaves, [illegible] 5 to 7 ft long
& 6 in wide, growing on rock in
ravine. Half way down I come
on some small patches of water
apparently spring, drink fully,
sweet & cold. Have a small [illegible]

[illegible] the way to approximately [illegible]
the [illegible] had died out
[illegible] Thank a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I can [illegible] away I find
[illegible] good [illegible] of Thank [illegible]
[illegible] birds at it
[illegible] seven [illegible] next
[illegible] Orchil [illegible] Big [illegible]
[illegible] 2 [illegible] backers, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Cane [illegible] rapidly
[illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] yet near them [illegible]
[illegible] large [illegible] no [illegible]
[illegible] small pocket, a more [illegible]
birds here no [illegible] then
[illegible] large [illegible]

in front. It rises I shot [illegible]
[illegible]. Two birds just inside edge
of Bamboo thicket. They are flying
down into grass & up on to small
shrubs. Get up at just about
within range & wait one of the
birds flies to small shrub 20 yds
away, try a shot & bring it down
[illegible] lost sight of them shooting
one feeding in grass here
numbers of caterpillars about
go into another small patch &
see two more Cockatoos, bring one
~~flying~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the bird
which flies into tree 25 yds away
try another shot & bring it down
Further on along this patch I
saw 4 more of these birds

[illegible] mail that I have a
look at Oranges & [illegible]
[illegible] Don't know
with, Oranges contains emp-
ty tired to climb to it.
Around into open again. Saw
a more Cuckoos but could
not get shot at them.
Saw Hawk again flying low over
ground, not off in alarm, but
soon lost sight of it. Got back
to camp about 4 p.m. Have
a pot of tea within [illegible]
Got a skin as tough as [illegible]
Caught a Duck & a few Beetles
at light & on [illegible] bags [illegible]

Tuesday 30th, [illegible]
Very tired after yesterday's [illegible]
Go out to get [illegible]
along edge of sand [illegible]
no chance of a shot. These birds
are very wary. Saw Hawk again
& set out after it; follow for a
mile & then loose sight of it.
Reach [illegible] Drongo's & Friar
climb up. Drongo's 4 egg. Friar
bird's nest appears finished
but there are no eggs in it.
Go out into forest country to
look at nest of Blue flycatcher
[illegible] it is [illegible]
Find another nest of these birds
with small young one
Day oppressively hot. Head
back to camp again 11 am

light shower of rain.
Leave early break.
Along in at neck south of
Lady peak & search down along it
to mangroves. Rain leaving the low
swamps, pools of water lying
about in places, ~~[illegible]~~ to jungle.
Whistling eagle very ragged
plumage & one Bronzed Cuckoo-
[illegible]. a pair of Shining Flycatcher
seen in mangroves this & more
moving after the rain.
Start back to camp reach there
3 pm & go out to wait for
Hawk to come along. In half
hours time one came around
end of Lady peak, but did
not come my way, a few minutes
later another came into view &

sent the any of the [illegible]
visit another time but did not
see anything more of them.
Two Chestnut Backers came
along one nestled in a tree
70 yds away & uttered a low
sound twice. Then rapidly
repeated several times. Did
a short flight and not being
it down. Getting the small
few birds a peek in still
moment but do not see
them again.
Almost every afternoon about
the same hour, one of the
birds has come from the night [illegible]
Pass [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday 21st.

Bar. 442. 210 31 35

Quartermaster Bill here here, some ... Blackfish, ... slate, ... Start off to have a look through the hills of round at Luzon about 3 miles from camp. Hear some T.S.P. call near top of Lady Peak, go after them. Just get onto them when I saw a Kite had it about it, all the Pigeons flew & I never got a shot at them.

~~Saw~~ ... Lupert pigeons also fly from front tree.

Saw Hawk circling around top of peak; climb up to investigate, but it had

disappeared by time. Got
to Bop. Gray country with
glasses, nothing to be seen —
Go down south side of [illegible]
a dead pine propped against
ridge. Saw one of the hawks
moving over tree tops. It
began to circle up hundreds
of feet & then soared round
& around; presently a smaller
bird which looked like Coopers
Sparhawk came into view &
began to chase the other.
It in turn chased the small
one, they kept this up for
about 1 or 2 mins, then flew
off in opposite directions
& lost sight of them.
Saw covey of [illegible].

hear them but did not get
a sight of them.
Look for a camping place
in the gap, but cannot
find any water here.
Found C. A. Trapdoor spiders
on sand grass, secure nests to
in side by cutting out the
piece of wood & bark.
Heard Cuckoos & saw the
Rock Wallaby & a couple of
snakes. Very few birds
here, too dry. Minah, Wood
Yellow-spotted Graceful
Sunbird all that were
noted.
Head back to camp.
Call in at Pension store
on way to get a few items

4 Masked Plover r... ...
2 white ... ...
bird. Got back to camp
2 p.m. 2.30 Heavy showers
again.
Found a skin bird.
Then go out & wait.e ...
of Hawk would come
along. ... of bird
... & ...
Sunbird nest building
2 ft from ground in low
shrub.
Caught ... ... at
light.
10 p.m. ... ...
calling.

Thursday 1.1.20
Promised myself a holiday
Slept in till 5.30 a.m.
Then Bob and young Billy [illegible]
a [illegible] a batch of bread
after breakfast & go into
[illegible] a [illegible] to half sole my
boots. See the 4 Marked Plover
again & set out after them.
Follow them for a mile a
a half along the beach but
cannot get a shot. The second
time [illegible] range of my gun
[illegible] Return again
[illegible]. Then go back to camp.
Have lunch. Knead bread &
put it in Camp oven to rise.
Go to spring for couple of
tins of water. Hole full.

of time needs cleaning
out. Decide to do it.
Bigger contract than I
thought as the hole is
3 ft. deep. Get it baled
out & cleaned, fearful lot
of muck in it. Found the
remains of a big Tanganen
bottle along the lists.
Hot weather to-day.
Thunder storm working up
from S.W. Couple of
loud crashes of thunder
overhead, no rain.
Winking Owls heard calling.
they called at intervals
during rest of afternoon.
Keep a sharp lookout for
the Hawk but see none.

up Apr 7. Saw the hawk
flying high over head.

Caught 1st [illegible] Moth on a
fence [illegible] at light.
Saw a Frog going to his
tent, went to pick it
up & it jumped about
6 ft. in four jumps it
was 20 ft away & out
of radius of light.
Go & get lamp & went
out after it. Find it
again [illegible] there
Chase it a full 150 yds
before I got it. Jumped
from 4 to 6 ft each
jump getting a clear
2 ft from ground.

Tugaam.

[illegible] 12.9.
Irises grey (yellowgrey) Bill black, legs greenish slate
insect remains

[illegible]. 328 195, 22 [illegible] ♂.
Irides creamy yellow Upper mandible
brownish black lower greenish
legs yellow

[illegible] of [illegible] main crests went up Mon-
ridge. [illegible] up on Lady Rock ridge
Heavy [illegible] near [illegible] park.
[illegible]. Cicadas female
[illegible] ridge to creek
Caught Birds on [illegible] trees [illegible]
light rain.
Going down through gap. Came on
beds of beautiful white lilies
growing in woods. 23 blooms on
one stalk. 3 ft high, nearly [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible]. Violets [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] calls
[illegible] caught a glimpse of it
[illegible] [illegible] yesterday
[illegible] calling, call it up. [illegible]

got a whole bad head. Time
off unmarked, couldn't find it
again. Another patch of Pole[illegible]
killed [illegible] Horns
Another [illegible] cannot
reach it. Went into hind
valley to go up the night.
Another little hand valley
[illegible] got a whole bit.
Stockings [illegible]
Ascended 80 [illegible]

6 120 Talking to Walter one of the crew

19 [illegible] he was waiting for [illegible] working

[illegible]. Diving for [illegible] off [illegible]

[illegible]. Still there [illegible] bigger than in

[illegible] about 400 & [illegible]. [illegible]

500 [illegible].

Plenty of [illegible] around [illegible].

Very little [illegible] [illegible].

Diving [illegible] all around these [illegible].

[illegible]. 173. 109. 15 21 ♂

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] black legs [illegible],

[illegible]. 358. 151 32 40 ♀

[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] black legs [illegible],

[illegible]. 109. 72. 15 15

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] black legs [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday 6th. Wake at daybreak. Turn out breakfast & then take my things on to boat. Have to make 2 trips of it. Boat on beach where they have been cleaning copper. 10 am. Tide high enough to float boat off. Make a start soon after. Light breeze wind. Head for [illegible] where we have to pick up a Dinghy. Nothing of note on way. Reach [illegible] 2 pm. Go ashore for cup of tea. Leave for T.I. 4 pm. Go over reef to east of group of islands & make for channel north entrance. Reach T.I. 7 pm.

Wednesday 7th.
Sent Post Office wire to J.
Wrote Parkey re skins
forwarded additional specimen
also insects
Edwin returns photographs
Read the date of no interest
of
Weir Home

Weir M.

Met Farquhar.

Thursday 5th.

Post 2 parcels. 3/- 6/-

Each [illegible] ordered, from [illegible] Dow. £2.10 each.

Chemist Francis [illegible] of [illegible] of Boat for stopping each day. 2/- each. 6/-

Order [illegible]

Afternoon Met Farquhar again.

Friday [illegible] 17.

[illegible] 2 1/2 days [illegible] 11.6

Made start 11 am. Light S.E. wind

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Made above.

progress. Very hot; Keep below

6 pm [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]!

1 pm [illegible] [illegible] number of

[illegible] cutting on [illegible]

[illegible].

Scant wind very light

[illegible] [illegible] 11 am. Did not

get any sleep on journey

Numerous Cockroaches on

board. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sept 1908

morning up to eating [illegible]
of big [illegible] [illegible]
over my face.

Go ashore a term in [illegible]
stitches in college,
Slept in till nearly midday
Could not get anyone from
my gun out from all the
boys out fishing [illegible] [illegible]
a trip up it.
Rats had been busy at camp
chewing up everything.
Cartridge boxes a cases.
Tube gun, [illegible].
Cardboard box a cleaner [illegible] [illegible]
paper [illegible] [illegible]
Bunch of Bananas. From
Gave one but I did not get it.

Some days as nearly finished -
Lupins show a creamy white
blossom.
Butts & Bones have got out
dingy pale of tint, patches of
haze & altered for hours.
Little hopping showed around
everywhere.
But in afternoon straightening
things up.
Plover heard calling down
near Penguins.
No rain.
S.E. huge muddy, which
changed to westerly.
Rain & storm came up from
West passed along other
side near peak & out to
sea.

Rifle & revolver practice. Among a
couple of boys was on the range.
Bottles 100 yds rifle & revolver. 2 [illegible]

~~[illegible]~~

2. 3 & 5 hundred yards on the
Big rifle [illegible] [illegible]
right at 500 & hit it
rather surprised the boys.
Broken small bottle on
50 at 5 yds. 5 shots & hit
centre. A boy said they
would you must [illegible]
when you small boy.
Caught 4 Moths & a number of
Beetles at light & on [illegible]
Mendoza bog bud & Alpinia

Sunday 11th. Woke at daybreak.
After breakfast, I go down
about through the mangroves
West Smith's netted landing
above mangroves. Light N. W.
breeze. Very few birds to be
seen or heard.
Watch couple Mrs Roberts for
some time, not building yet.
A few B.S. Doves & Graceful
Honeyeaters seen. No Kingfishers.
Light showers of rain.
Found nest of Blue Flycatcher
13 ft from ground in mangroves.
3 eggs take them & secure
female.
Another light shower of rain.
Leave mangroves & go around
edge. Big flock of Chestnut breast

inches nom. Head & throat orange
of satin-wood on hill [illegible]
camp nothing of note. Got back
to camp 12.30 p.m. Had good feed
fire going & billy on & [illegible] but
as rain in earnest & continued
till 4 p.m.
~~[illegible]~~ Fire [illegible]
Billy.

Flycatcher ♂. 9.10.16.
Under tail brown. Upper mandible black
lower dull blue, brown [illegible] legs [illegible]
Stomach insect remains
After rain ceased I took Billy & [illegible]
home bird. Then go down to have a
look through scrub along side
the peak. On way saw Crested

Looked very dark in color.
Took 3 shots to bring it down
some time in getting it.
[illegible] darting down some open
places. ^Trying to get to ground again. Had another go at them
Stopped a couple but they
recovered & flew & being
away out of sight. Brought
one down on seventh shot.
Tie on to scrub, a bit too
dark, so tried to be sure.
Headed back to camp. Saw couple
more [illegible] ankaws. Found
a few [illegible] in open country.
secure a few of them. Were pair
copulating. Got back to camp at
dark. Heard Whirling [illegible] calling
at dusk. Pitto calling after dark

Big Bitterns drumming.
Frogs croaking everywhere
quite a chorus of them.
Lots of Bulbuls coming in [illegible]
Thunder & lightning all around.
Koels heard calling in the [illegible]
Caught small frog at tent door.
Swift 173. 178. 7.11. ♀
Irides dark brown bill black legs dark brown.
Flying [illegible]

[illegible] 315. 191. 21. 21.
Irides dark brown upper bill dark brown
lower greenish tip black. legs [illegible]

Monday. 12.1.20

Sleep in a hut [illegible] last
evening [illegible] when I awoke.
[illegible]
After breakfast I go down to
through [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
country & light patches of [illegible]
Oriental Cuckoo numerous
in forest country. Heard him
[illegible] calling [illegible]
[illegible] which can
not be heard ~~[illegible]~~ very far
away.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

numerous. Head for camp [illegible] again. Whistling [illegible]

[illegible]

Reach camp. 4 pm. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] North. [illegible]
[illegible] light [illegible]

[illegible] 13. 1. 20.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
small [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
in a hole in [illegible]
my own [illegible]
[illegible] Small [illegible]
[illegible] hole.

[illegible]

[illegible] Saw [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] shot it. Fished [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

104 [illegible] ♀
Irides [illegible] Bill [illegible]
[illegible] Insect remains

105 Sunbird 119.55, 21.16 ♂
Irides sunk brown, bill & legs black.
Stomach small green caterpillars & beetle.

106 Dove 302. 153. 18; 25. ♂
Irides pale yellow. Bill pale blue washed white
legs pink. Stomach seeds & sand

107 Drongo 299. 161. 33. 25. ♂
Irides scarlet. Bill & legs black
Stomach Cicadas

Wednesday

Woke daylight. Raining. Hordes of hungry mosquitoes. Too [illegible] to get no sleep a good while. Turn out about 5.30 a.m. Have a lively time with mosquitoes still & get some smoke fires going in tent.

Nest of Sunbird. 7 in by 2 3/4

green moss
Fine bark, decorated pieces Paper bark

excreta of Wood boring insects & leaf

lined with silky hairs.

Suspended from green roots from

under overhanging bank of creek.

Brown Hawk. 432. 325. 22. 6.59

Irides dark brown. Bill pale blue tip blacker with blue

legs ~~[illegible]~~ bluish white

Stomach Grasshoppers Cicadas &

a rough skin lizard.

[illegible] 190 88. 18. 24 B. [illegible] of flowers
[illegible] dark brown bill

[illegible] 93 40. 9 19. S.
Irides pale olive Throat [illegible]

[illegible] at daybreak. Hundreds of mosquitoes again waiting for me. Peter went a good many [illegible] going to drive them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] through some of the scrubby gullies west of Mica peak ridge. A few yds from the camp I flushed a pair of Quail. Tried a shot & miss. Watched where it lit [illegible] a try & put it up again without success. [illegible] collecting [illegible]

imitated calls in a little while. I saw one of the birds coming towards me. It was at some time a [illegible] off, [illegible] which [illegible] tell it was but it screamed & flew off. I could not put it up again. I kept imitating each for some time, occasionally a bird would answer but I could not flush or see it.

Further on I flushed a short [illegible] it dropped in some long grass & I could not find it.

Saw the White-tailed Kites in their open [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] do not [illegible] it [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] up [illegible] right [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] in the first I saw a pair of Spectacled.

flycatchers, but could not find
any nest. Came out of the wood
in time to see a Big Goshawk fly
out just out of range, it
disappeared over the ridge.
A big flock of T S P fly over
head up main gully.
In ~~next~~ second scrubby gully Dusky
& T.S.P. no other birds noted
here.
In the third a pair of
M S Thrush noted but no nest
found.
Go on to head of main gully
where it was densely.
Found nest of M S Thrush 3 ft
from ground in small sapling
& hard set eggs. Big area of
scrub here but few birds.

Found another pair of M. S. Spinks
starting nest & a fifteen grouse in
sampling nothing else of note can be
Follow down the lake & around
grouped around for a couple of miles
2 pairs of M. S. T. & a few [illegible]
in a Good fresh early cane
Coming through arbor [illegible] a cony
head for camp & [illegible] morning
station I saw one of the Hawks
alight on ground 60 yds away.
I got within 40 yds & it saw me
& flew off. Follow in direction
of flight but could not see
it again. Call in at M. S.
grocers. Reach camp 2 pm
lunch & then go out to see
if I could get any birds.
Bobwhite called Quail around
& I flushed it. Try to shoot

between a bank & the hill on
the ground that remained.
Saddled and started it again.
we struck a couple of matches:
of light smoke. Then in stench
[illegible] & keep standing, [illegible] back
with [illegible] hand & keep them up
[illegible] along with the old [illegible]

Mon

Saturday

Woke at daybreak. [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not to get much [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
After breakfast [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Then go in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to search for the Bustards [illegible] around for a good while without seeing any.

Saw a single Banded Plover & [illegible] a shot at about 20 yds but do not get the bird. One of the Bustards rose from the plain 400 yds away & flew down over the ground & alighted on a small anthill half a mile further on. There was a small bush between me & the bird so I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to get right down flat & crawl along the last 100 yds. Reached the bush which is just about 80 yds from bird, try a shot as I cannot get any closer. The bird flies off coming however

my head. it is out of range before
I can reload. At ~~[illegible]~~ a little in
a tree out on plain. it then flies to
clump of trees up on ridge. When I
am half way there 2 birds fly
from the clump of trees & away
to the beach a mile distant.
Follow & see them flying low along
edge of small bushes, get on to
beach in hopes that they will
come that way. wait awhile but
there is no sign of them coming
along. See 2 more birds half a
mile further down near the beach.
Go up inward end of bushes after
first pair of birds. See pair out on
plain very light colored bird. It
flys low along foot of ridge
& disappears from sight beyond

a small spring creek. Follow along
for a mile & see it again circling
round the top of the ridge. It comes
along my way & I get behind
an anthill. Then as it [illegible]
to pass off the [illegible] and right by me
Try a shot & get a feather or two
The bird flies away off down
the valley. I follow back past
vain [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ time to see the flight
flying past along edge of many
[illegible] jump out of canyon.
It then goes away up along the
beach & I give up the chase &
return to camp. reach there about
have [illegible] number of [illegible]
Have lunch. I [illegible] [illegible]
continues [illegible] [illegible] up from east of country
[illegible]. So as to believe [illegible]
& try to [illegible] hunt up Quail.

[illegible] this morning. A few Egrets seen high overhead.

Found a nest of [illegible] on the ground among the leaves of a tree. This [illegible] of a [illegible]. [illegible] I will be able to get it [illegible] a [illegible].

Quail. 153. 91. 18. 25 ♀
Irides dark brown. Upper mandible black, lower half of edge brown, dull blue. Legs yellow.

Egret 6 oz. 271. 75 101 ♂
Irides yellow. Bill yellow. Legs pale yellow, feet black. Legs are smooth skin. [illegible] a [illegible] remains.

Ducky. 133. 59. 17. 17. ♀

Irides dark brown. Upper bill brownish black

Lower brown. Legs dark blue. portions of flowers

Kingfisher. 110. 57. 33. 17 ♀ breeding

Irides dark brown. bill & legs vermilion

Fish & insects.

Ditto 16. 109. 24. 42 ♀ breeding.

Irides dark brown. Bill black. legs pinkish

Tinged brown.

Pigeon. 4 12. 8 23. 25. 34. ♂

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